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Four-year term would be 'the age of the offered hand'

## Bush sworn in as 41st US President

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): George Bush became the 41st President of the United States today, describing America at the end of the eight-year Ronald Reagan era as prosperous and at peace.

But Bush said "a new breeze is blowing" and he said his four-year term would be "the age of the offered hand."

At precisely 12:03 pm (1703 GMT), Bush recited the 35-word oath of office, resting his left hand on two Bibles held by his wife Barbara. One edition was by George Washington at his swearing-in 200 years ago.

A 21-gun salute followed immediately after, booming over the Capitol and echoing off the marble monuments.

He spoke directly to the Democrats who dominate Congress, saying the nation needs "compromise where there has been dissension."

### Attitude

Bush noted that Republicans and Democrats have often been too mistrustful, an attitude he traced back to the Vietnam war. "The final lesson of Vietnam is that no great nation can long afford to be supported by a memory," he said.

With that Bush said he meant to put out his hand to the Speaker

of the House, Democrat Jim Wright, and to the majority leader of the Senate, Democrat George Mitchell.

"This is the age of the offered hand."

"To my friends — and yes, I mean friends — in the loyal opposition — and yes I mean loyal, I put out my hand," Bush said.

Moments before the presidential oath was administered, former Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle was sworn in as Vice-President.

It was the first time since Dwight D. Eisenhower left office in 1961 that a President had served the full two-term limit, and it had been 60 years since a President bequeathed office to a man of his own party.

Moments after he finished, the ceremony ended in a simple sentimental moment that marked the shift from one era — Reagan's — to another.

The 77-year-old outgoing President, bundled up in dark blue topcoat and white silk scarf, and wife Nancy, as ever in her trademark "Reagan red" coat, embraced George and Barbara Bush and boarded a helicopter awaiting them on Capitol Hill.

Reagan, Bush and Quayle all wore dark overcoats in the mild temperatures. Reagan also wore a white scarf, Nancy Reagan wore a trademark-red overcoat, while Barbara Bush wore a bright blue one.

"There is new ground to be broken," Bush said in his inaugural address. "I come before you and assume the presidency at a moment rich with promise. We live in a peaceful prosperous time, but we can make it better."

More than 100,000 people spilled across the Capitol



Chief Justice William Rehnquist swears in Bush (left) as the 41st President of the US as Barbara Bush (centre) and Reagan (right) look on. (Reuters wirephoto)

grounds to cheer the transfer of power. Reagan, a popular two-term President, was barred by the constitution from seeking office again.

In his address, Bush began by paying tribute to Reagan, his political mentor of the past eight years. "On behalf of our nation," Bush said, "I thank you for the wonderful things you have done for America."

### Engaged

Promising a bright future, Bush said: "A new breeze is blowing — and a nation refreshed by freedom stands ready to push on: there is new ground to be broken."

"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral purpose. We as a people have such a purpose. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world," he said.

The new US leader, who said in accepting the Republican presidential nomination last August that he wanted to lead a "kinder, gentler nation," spelled out in general terms how he hoped to achieve that.

To deal with such problems as homelessness, drug abuse, crime and urban decay, Bush called for "a new activism, hands on and involved" by private citizens and businesses as well as the federal

government.

"We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led, rewarding. We will work on this in the White House, in the cabinet agencies. I will go to the people and programmes that are the brighter points of light and I will ask every member of my government to become involved," he added.

He spoke as a light breeze swept across the crowd in temperatures of about 50 degrees F (10°C). The Harlan (Kentucky) boys choir opened the ceremony by singing "This is my country" as the huge audience stood silently.

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## World anticipates a more pragmatic White House

LONDON, Jan 20, (Agencies): Foreign nations said their farewells to Reagan and welcomed President George Bush to office today anticipating a more pragmatic White House.

While many nations praised Reagan's tenure, some US enemies welcomed his departure. Street celebrations were planned in Nicaragua, where the government has fought rebels backed by the US government throughout most of Reagan's eight years in office.

The Nicaraguan government said it hoped normal relations

with the United States could be restored during Bush's four-year term.

"Upon you and your country I cordially invoke an abundance of divine blessings," Pope John Paul II said in a telegram to Bush from the Vatican.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Reagan's ideological and personal friend, sent a personal note addressed to "Dear Ron" that called him "one of the greatest presidents" and a "true and perfect gentleman." She also sent Bush a congratulatory message, her office

said. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and European Economic Community chief Jacques Delors were among other European leaders sending congratulations.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt welcomed Bush, saying he believed the new President "understands the Palestinian problem and has good intentions."

In an interview with a Kuwait daily newspaper, Mubarak predicted the Bush administration would "take positive and

advanced steps that can serve the peace process in the Middle East."

Mubarak's comments reflected widespread sentiment in the Middle East that the US presidential changeover was Israel's loss and the Arabs' gain.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein congratulated Bush, and said Baghdad was keen to improve relations to consolidate peace.

PLO officials expressed cautious optimism that Bush would treat their cause with more understanding.

## US does not regard uprising as terrorism

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): In what may be the most explicit statement on the subject to date, the US State Department said yesterday it did not consider the 13-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to be terrorism.

"We do not consider the intifada terrorism," spokesman Charles Redman said in response to a question on what Washington would regard as PLO terrorist activity.

Judgements will be made on a case-by-case basis, he said, adding: "Individual (PLO) acts would have to be evaluated."

Redman also said that reports of tougher Israeli tactics against the Palestinian uprising were "very disturbing if true."

### Concern

"Our concern focuses, as it has from the beginning, on avoiding further loss of life," Redman said.

"We don't believe that the use of lethal force in non-life threatening situations should be necessary to preserve order. It can only exacerbate an already tense situation. Again, we call on all sides to refrain from violence."

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat

has called for more confrontation in the uprising against occupying Israeli troops.

In a statement issued by the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, Arafat said the Israeli command had escalated its policy of "iron fist" against the uprising, "forgetting that our people had decided from the beginning to continue the uprising until the end of the occupation."

"So let us have more confrontation against the Zionist occupation and the Fascist hordes of murderous settlers."

He also said, an independent Palestinian state is only "a stone's throw away."

The new US President, George Bush, described as a "setback to peace" an alleged threat by Arafat to kill Palestinians who tried to stop the uprising.

### Denied

A PLO spokesman in Tunis has denied Arafat ever made such a threat and Bush said he had not seen the context in which the remark was made by Arafat on New Year's Day in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

But in an interview with news agency reporters Bush said he

## Committee approves Baker nomination

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, voted 16-0 yesterday to recommend Senate confirmation of James Baker as secretary of state in the administration of President Bush. Three committee members were absent.

The vote came after two days of hearings in which Baker outlined in general terms the Bush administration's foreign policy goals and received warm praise from committee members.

Baker, a 58-year-old former treasury secretary in the Reagan administration, won the votes of both liberals and conservatives on the committee.

### Reforms

The full Senate is expected to act on Baker's nomination next week and approval is considered certain.

In his testimony to the committee, Baker indicated the Bush administration's foreign policy would closely follow that of the Reagan administration.

He called for a bipartisan approach toward Central America and for a wary approach to the Soviet Union while welcoming reforms by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

## Rajiv plans new initiative to end Punjab crisis

MADRAS, India, Jan 20, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said he plans fresh initiatives to end the Punjab crisis and to maintain the pace of economic liberalisation despite the constraint of impending general elections.

A general election must be held within 12 months. Rajiv faces his first challenge tomorrow when Tamil Nadu in the south and the tribal border states Nagaland and Mizoram vote in India's last major elections before the general elections. Admitting that Punjab was still the major problem facing the Indian government, he said there was a perceptible change in the mood of people there from four years ago.

### Optimistic

Even the hanging two weeks ago of Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh for the 1984 assassination of his mother had not changed the optimistic mood in Punjab, Rajiv said in an interview on board an aircraft carrying him on a four-day election campaign tour of the three states.

Political rivals have said tomorrow's polls in the south and northeast, following a poor showing by his Congress (I) Party in the north last year, could

## Pakistani request for F-16s worries India

NEW DELHI, Jan 20, (UPI): India would view "with great concern" approval by Washington of Pakistan's request to buy 60 US-made F-16 jet-fighters, a government spokesman said.

The comment from the Foreign Ministry spokesman came in response to an article in the daily Times of India that said the request for the aircraft was made by Pakistan before the death of former President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in a still-unexplained Aug 17 plane crash.

Washington's approval of the sale would have "adverse impact" on relations between India and Pakistan, which many experts believe could improve following talks last month in Islamabad between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani premier.

The sources said India's Ambassador to Washington, P.K. Kaul, has been instructed by New Delhi "to take up the matter at the highest level" of the US government and the US Congress.

### Concern

Asked about Pakistan's request to buy 60 F-16s, worth \$1.4 billion, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "It would be a matter of great concern to the Indian government" if it was granted. The spokesman declined further comment.

The Press Trust of India later quoted official sources as saying the US State Department informed New Delhi that no decision has yet been taken on the matter.

The Times of India said Rajiv's government was particularly "disturbed" that the request was "being treated with some consideration in Washington" while the Soviet Union is completing its troop pullout from Afghanistan after a more than nine-year occupation.

The US justified massive military and economic aid to Islamabad by citing the threat posed by the presence of Soviet forces in Afghanistan and frequent violations of Pakistan's airspace by Soviet and Afghan aircraft in attacks on US-backed Afghan rebels based in Pakistan.

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## Deportation

LONDON, Jan 20, (UPI): A Sri Lankan communist, who holed out in a church for two years to avoid deportation from Britain, was put aboard a flight home today amidst a chorus of protests and political controversy after losing a lengthy legal battle based on fears he would be killed if he was sent home.

Viraj Mendis, 32, a communist, was put aboard a plane to Sri Lanka after spending two days in a London jail.

## Six tankers to revert to Kuwaiti flag

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Agencies): In another sign of peace in the Gulf, the Pentagon has said six Kuwaiti tankers will haul down the US flag and give up protection by American warships in the waterway.

But five of the 11 Kuwaiti tankers offered protection from Iranian attack by former President Reagan in mid-1987 will continue to fly US flags for the immediate future, Defence Department spokesman Dan Howard told reporters yesterday.

The announcement was another signal of reduced tensions in the region, where Iran and Iraq are under a ceasefire while negotiating terms of an end to the Gulf war.

### Requests

Howard said he did not know exactly when the six tankers would begin flying Kuwaiti flags again. He said: "This will be an orderly process and will take place over a period of time."

But the US Coast Guard said requests had already been received for the tankers Townsend and Middleton to drop American registry.

Others which will eventually stop flying US flags are the gas carriers Gas King, Gas Queen, Gas Prince and Gas Princess, Coast Guard spokesman Joe Angelo said.

Angelo said Kuwait had agreed to comply with US law and to hire all-American crews for the five ships that will continue to fly American flags. They include the supertanker Bridgeton and the product carriers Sea Isle City, Surf City, Chesapeake City and Ocean City.

At the request of former US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, the Coast Guard has given Kuwait until Feb 11, 1990, to hire American crews now required in US-flag ships.

US government sources said that in order to provide the Kuwaitis a year to comply with ship-manning laws, the Defence Department has granted it a special, "national defence waiver."

Kuwait received such a one-year waiver last year when they first decided to reflag tankers. The waiver allows the Kuwaitis to sail the vessels with only two Americans on board — the ship's master and the ship's radio officer.

"We told them we had protected their ships; we weren't leaving the Gulf; we'd like to see the ships stay under our flag, but we expected them to comply with the manning law," said one administration official.

"They countered they were willing to keep the ships under the US flag but didn't want to put all-American crews on all of them."

"We went back and forth and then struck this compromise — they take six back and leave five with us and man those five with Americans," a source said.

The sources insisted they knew of no deeper motive for the Kuwaitis' decision beyond that of paying the higher salaries expected by American crews.

"But they are sensitive to perceptions on Capitol Hill," insisted another source. "They don't want to turn their back on us after all of our help and then see the truce break down and the tanker war erupt again."

"And from our standpoint, this promotes stability in the area and our relationship with Kuwait," said another official.

### Reasons

In Kuwait, the chairman of Kuwait Oil Tankers Company, Abdul Fattah Al Bader, said today that the six vessels will be re-registered due to "purely technical reasons."

One US official, asked if the five ships still flying American flags would remain under protection of a reduced force of US Navy ships still in the Gulf, said: "We will continue to exercise our responsibilities to US-flag vessels wherever they are in the world."

Other Defence Department officials said the six tankers that will haul down the US flag would still be eligible for special "distress assistance" from the US Navy if they ran into danger and made a distress call while US ships were nearby.

There have been no incidents of attacks on shipping in the Gulf since last summer's Iran-Iraq ceasefire began.

Navy officials said the United States had reduced its Gulf force to six warships, two command and support vessels and six ocean-going minesweepers.

Howard said the re-registration of Kuwaiti tankers was part of "an orderly process" of returning to normal status in the Gulf.

## Engine falls off Boeing 737

CHICAGO, Jan 20, (Reuters): An engine fell off a Boeing 737 jetliner shortly after takeoff here today but the Piedmont Airlines plane returned safely to O'Hare airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The engine fell into a field half a mile west of the airport. There were no injuries, the FAA said.

On Jan 7 a 737 crashed in central England, killing 49 people. One of the engines on that British Midland Airways plane burned and broke up.

There was no immediate

indication if the Piedmont plane and the British Midland craft were the same 737 model.

On Wednesday the FAA said it was ordering engine inspections for 300 Boeing 737-400 and Boeing 737-300 aircraft following the crash in Britain. The 737-400 is a new craft while the 737-300 is an older airliner.

The FAA said its airworthiness directive required inspection of the engine fire-warning system and the vibration monitoring circuitry on the eight 737-400s and the 292 737-300s operated by US airlines.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Heunis vows to maintain Botha policies

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20, (Reuters): President P.W. Botha has appointed his senior cabinet minister Chris Heunis as caretaker President while he recovers from a mild stroke which has left South Africa in a mood of political uncertainty.

After taking the oath as acting President yesterday Heunis, the constitutional development minister, vowed: "My colleagues and I, acting as a team, will continue with the implementation of policies outlined by the state President."

But political analysts said Botha's stroke on Wednesday had caused uncertainty by suddenly removing him from daily decision-making, which he has increasingly dominated.

"It is safe to assume that the President would have to rest for quite a while to recover from his illness and this means that his personal touch will be missing," state run television news commented.

The Cape Town military hospital where Botha is recovering announced yesterday that his left arm and leg had been weakened but his face muscles and speech had not been affected.

## Norwegian minister

OSLO, Jan 20, (AP): Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg will visit Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Syria and Tunisia Jan 24-30, his office said today.

## Soviets reduce 14.2 per cent of military budget

## Moscow announces tactical missile cut in Europe

VIENNA, Jan 20, (UPI): Western officials welcomed a Soviet announcement that Moscow will remove some tactical weapons from Eastern Europe, but noted that the NATO allies had already reduced their own nuclear arsenal by about 2,400 warheads.

The Soviet announcement was made yesterday by Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during the final day of the 35-nation Vienna conference on European security and human rights.

In addition to the removal of some tactical weapons, Shevardnadze also promised the Soviets would announce by the end of the month "data on the numbers of troops and armaments" of the Warsaw Pact.

NATO welcomed the Soviet announcement, but noted the

West already had significantly reduced its nuclear arsenal in Europe.

A NATO spokesman in Brussels said if the Soviet decision "signals that ... the Soviets are now beginning to realize that their potential far exceeds legitimate requirements, we can only find such steps encouraging."

## Initiative

"Let me point out that NATO, at its own initiative, has already unilaterally reduced its own theatre nuclear stockpile by some 2,400 warheads over the past several years," the spokesman said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in Washington that US officials would wait to assess the ramifications

of the announced withdrawal, but said, "we welcome any move to reduce the Soviet military forces."

Shevardnadze told the conference that the Soviets, in the framework of previously announced troop reductions in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, also would withdraw tactical or battlefield nuclear weapons assigned to those troops.

"Pursuing its declared fundamental objective of removing any foreign military presence and bases from the territories of other countries, the Soviet Union will withdraw from Central Europe military formations and units with all their organic armaments, including tactical nuclear systems," he said in his

speech.

"We proceed from the premise that nuclear weapons are a step backward, not forward," Shevardnadze said.

He said the Soviets were not "engaged in the modernisation of tactical nuclear missile" and implicitly urged the West to adopt a similar stance.

## Budget

But ambassador Stephen Ledogar, chief US negotiator for forthcoming Vienna talks on conventional arms reductions, said the US would continue to update its tactical nuclear systems.

"No US President is going to have US forces deployed in Eastern Europe without the most up-to-date equipment we can

afford," Ledogar said. He also rejected the possibility of such a freeze while disarmament talks are under way.

On Wednesday, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced a 14.2 per cent cut in the defense budget and said nearly half the 500,000 troops being demobilized from the armed forces will come from the European area.

Gorbachev also said production of weapons and military technology would be reduced by 19.5 per cent.

Shevardnadze hailed the achievements of the 26-month-long Vienna meeting toward improving relations between the two military alliances as well as neutral and non-aligned European nations.

## Rajiv plans new initiative to end ...

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On the economy, Rajiv said his policy of liberalisation through loosening economic controls had accelerated economic growth and boosted exports.

"It has served us well ... The pace of liberalisation will naturally depend on our balance of payments position."

He predicted a buoyant economy for the crucial election year, with economic growth touching nearly 10 per cent, from two per cent in the period from April 1987 to March 1988, and a record agricultural harvest.

## Rising

He identified debt servicing and rising prices as the main economic problems but said his government was determined to keep prices in check.

Eight Sikh separatists and two paramilitary policemen were killed during an eight-hour siege of a sugar cane field near the Punjab village of Gharial, police said today.

## US does not regard ...

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was disturbed that Arafat would threaten anyone who interfered with the uprising.

Charles Redman said the US embassy in Riyadh had obtained and translated from Arabic to English a copy of a tape from someone who attended the meeting where Arafat spoke.

The PLO today rejected a peace plan proposed by Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and called on Bush to curb the Israeli crackdown on rebellious Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

US Ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletreau, called on PLO official Hakim Balawi to return Balawi's visit to him on Dec 31.

## Dali still critically ill

FIGUERAS, Spain, Jan 20, (AP): Surrealist painter Salvador Dali remained in extremely critical condition today, suffering from heart failure, pneumonia and breathing problems, the painter's doctor said.

Dr Carles Punsati read a medical statement to reporters in which he said "there have been no significant changes in his condition in the last few hours and his vital signs are stable."

"He is receiving treatment for heart failure, pneumonia and breathing difficulties and his prognosis remains extremely critical," Punsati said in a room crowded with reporters at Figueras hospital.

Punsati had said yesterday that the six-member team of doctors caring for the painter believed his "condition was of obvious concern," adding that they "continued to fear for his life."

## Britain growing wealthier

LONDON, Jan 20, (KUNA): Britain is growing wealthier and becoming more moral in its attitudes, but is also a more violent society, according to a major official survey published here yesterday.

Social trends, the annual report by the central statistical office, showed that the average Briton has grown richer by some three per cent a year, between 1981 and 1987.

But it is the wealthiest who have done best of all, with the richest one per cent of the population owning 20 per cent of the country's wealth, and the top 10 per cent owning 54 per cent.

## Violent

At the same time, the official analysis revealed, consumer borrowing on credit had risen "very substantially", with total overall household expenditure exceeding income.

Meanwhile, attitudes to extramarital sex, homosexuality, and

pornography have all become "more censorious", according to the 223-page document.

However, the number of children born outside marriage has increased for the second year running, from 21 per cent in 1986 to a "startling" 23 per cent in 1987, compared with just six per cent in 1961, the report said.

Crime figures showed that the UK has become more violent, with crimes against the person up by 12 per cent between 1986 and 1987, with offences by children sharply higher.

Environmentally, British industry is producing chemicals that damage the earth's protective ozone layer six times faster than the atmosphere can break them down, the survey noted.

The detailed analysis offered reassurance to air travellers here following the recent spate of crashes. Statistics pointed to the fact that aircraft and trains are far safer than other forms of transport.

## Bush sworn in as 41st US President

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Bush's swearing-in crowned a government career more than two decades long.

The 64-year-old Bush, born to wealth and privilege, became a decorated Navy combat pilot in World War II, a Yale graduate, Texas oilman and millionaire, congressman, UN ambassador, envoy to China and CIA director.

In the final hours of his presidency, Reagan paid a farewell visit to his executive Oval Office, shook hands with aides and left a handwritten note on the desk wishing Bush well. The last piece of paper Reagan signed was a letter to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, thanking her for staunch support over the year, said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

## Best

Along with their wives, Reagan and Bush and Quayle posed for pictures on the north portico of the White House. Asked if he had any thoughts for Reagan, Bush said: "The thoughts flow the other way — except to wish him the very best as he leaves this job he did so well."

Serving as White House host one last time, Reagan and Nancy treated the Bushes and the Quayles to coffee and pastries in the Blue Room of the executive mansion. Then they went to the Capitol together.

Thousands of people surged into the city to view the festivities and get a spot along the 1.6-mile (two-kilometre) inaugural parade route.

## Strength

In contrast to the formal attire of Reagan's inauguration in 1981, Bush donned a dark grey pinstriped suit. In a brief exchange with reporters after morning church service, Bush said he had prayed for "strength — strength, peace."

For the day, at least, prayers seemed to be answered. In his final report to Reagan, National Security Adviser Gen. Colin Powell said: "The world is quiet today, Mr. President."

## Videotapes on sex available in China

HONG KONG, Jan 20, (AP): A series of videotapes on sex, subject long taboo in China, is now available in the capital of Beijing, an official news report said today.

The 18-hour series, called "Lectures about scientific knowledge on sex," covers nine topics, including female and male physiology, adolescent psychology, sexual problems and therapy, sexual crime, venereal disease and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, the China news service report said.

The news agency said each of the topics is introduced by sexual experts, but did not further describe the videotapes.

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## Campaign for homeland to continue

## Tamil rebels vow to fight on

VADAMARACHCHI, Jan 20, (Reuters): Tamil guerrillas say they will continue their bloody hit-and-run campaign against Indian troops until they have an independent homeland in Sri Lanka.

"We are fighting for separation... nothing more, nothing less," said Thepan, a local commander of The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in an interview at a rendezvous in the northern Jaffna peninsula.

Three bodyguards with M-16 rifles surrounded the 26-year-old high-school drop-out who is in charge of the Tigers' political wing in Vadamarachchi.

"We will fight to the last man... to the last drop of blood," said Thepan.

Rebel sources in Jaffna said the Tigers had recently purchased new weapons, recruited over 1,000 school boys and could fight on for another 10 years.

The Tigers rejected an India-Sri Lanka pact signed in July, 1987, which was aimed at ending

a six-year-old Tamil rebellion and which was accepted by other rebel groups.

Since then the Tigers, the most powerful of the Tamil guerrilla groups, have been fighting 50,000 Indian troops enforcing the agreement.

Ten thousand people have been killed so far in the campaign to set up an independent homeland in the north and east for 2.5 million minority Tamils.

Vadamarachchi, 25 km east of Jaffna, is the heartland of the Tigers; their leaders grew up here and the Tiger campaign began here more than 20 years ago.

"We are fighting for our lives. The Indians are pitched everywhere. Our movements, unlike before, are restricted," Thepan said.

After making contact with an informant, more than 24 hours were spent at two villages waiting for the rebels. They came close to one meeting place three times but moved off because of the presence of Indian soldiers

nearby.

On one occasion the rebel group ran into a patrol and exchanged gunfire. There were no casualties.

The guerrilla leader said of the Indian troops, "We can't send them away. But we won't allow them to kill all of us." The Tigers rely on the support of the Tamil populace for their survival.

Thepan says the Tigers will boycott next month's Sri Lanka parliamentary poll. The group did not participate in provincial council elections last November or December's presidential election.

## Proposals

"We have requested the people not to vote. The choice is however theirs... we won't force them," he said.

He said the rebels would contest elections only after there was a permanent solution to their demands. "Also there must be peace before elections," he said. Thepan said it was still not late to work out a solution through negotiations.

"Though we are fighting for a separate state, we are willing to listen to any new proposals of the Indian and Sri Lankan governments, even from the new President, Ranasinghe Premadasa."

Thepan said the Tigers would continue to fight Indian troops or Sri Lankan soldiers or "anyone who seeks to deprive us of our rights."

Meanwhile, suspected left-wing guerrillas beheaded three supporters of an opposition politician in southern Sri Lanka, military sources said.

The victims were a teacher, his son and their friend, dragged from a house at Dondra on Wednesday.

The leftwing People's Liberation Front, which opposes next month's parliamentary poll and is trying to overthrow the government, was believed responsible, the sources said.

The victims were supporters of a local Sri Lanka Freedom Party organiser who is contesting the Feb 15 elections.

## Film idols dominate Tamil Nadu poll scene

MADRAS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Femmes fatales from the movies, a scriptwriter and a prime minister with film star looks have given vital elections to Tamil Nadu's state assembly an air of melodrama worthy of the prolific Indian cinema.

Scriptwriter Muthuvel Karunandhi, whose party is the front-runner in Saturday's vote in the southern state, might even consider the scenario too far-fetched.

The wife and former companion of the late M.G. Ramachandran—the star always known as MGR who turned his Tamil cinema roles depicting gods into a dominating political career in the state—lead factions of his party at bitter odds. MGR's wife Janaki leads one faction of his All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). His former companion and co-star Jayalalitha Jayaram leads another.

Both are hoping to take up his role as Tamil Nadu chief minister, each claiming to be his political heir in campaigns that feature neon-lit posters of MGR. Jayalalitha always speaks against a movie poster of her and MGR as gods.

Into the middle of the glitter steps handsome Prime Minister

Rajiv Gandhi, by far the greatest political asset of the nationally-ruling Congress (I) Party that has not won sole power in the populous Tamil state for 20 years.

The cinema razzamataz has captured even Congress, which has spent vast amounts of money on Indian movie-style campaign videos in which young people in idyllic rural settings sing the party's praises.

So great has it been that India's reigning film pin-up queen, Sridevi, came and went almost unnoticed as she campaigned for her father, a Congress candidate.

But the movie-dominated campaign masks a deadly serious business, both for Rajiv and his opponents on the national stage who are trying to unite to topple him in general elections due by the end of the year.

For Rajiv, whose government has been rocked by bribery scandals and whose party suffered serious reverses in by-elections last June, the Tamil Nadu poll is a crucial test of his vote-getting ability.

For the nascent national opposition, the election is a chance to get a grip through regional allies on the state's 35 million voters.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Air accidents

LONDON, Jan 20, (KUNA): The number of world airline accidents in 1988 was far higher than usual, and the highest-ever number of people died in attacks on civil airlines, a survey here reported.

The London-based magazine Flight International said the total number of fatal air accidents last year was 54, in which 1,007 people died compared to an average this decade of 993.

The total included 15 accidents which involved scheduled passenger air services and the loss of 633 lives, compared to the 1987 total of six accidents and 341 deaths, the magazine noted.

## Mild weather

PARIS, Jan 20, (AP): Tulips are popping up in Normandy, hedgerows are skipping liberation in Britain. Muscovites are abandoning their fur hats. Swiss ski resort operators are complaining, and farmers everywhere are worried about going directly from autumn to spring.

A wave of mild weather has hit Europe this January, not only throwing some seasonal clocks out of whack, but possibly spelling economic trouble for many businesses and farms.

## Racial unrest

MIAMI, Jan 20, (Reuters): Miami's latest outbreak of racial unrest appeared to be subsiding after three nights of violence, but officials feared another flareup could disrupt preparations for Super Bowl on Sunday, America's premier sporting event.

As a calm settled over the city's black neighbourhoods yesterday, a few community leaders threatened to mount demonstrations outside the stadium where the championship football game will be played between the Cincinnati Bengals and the San Francisco 49ers.

## Women pilots

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) may start training women as pilots because of a shortage of male recruits, its chief of air staff has said.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding told the latest edition of RAF News that the role of women in the service was being examined and "studies will be undertaken to see whether they could be employed as pilots and navigators."

## Dane chosen

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Kjeld Mortensen, who has served as an ambassador of Denmark in a dozen different posts including as chief UN delegate, was elected president of the UN Economic and Social Council yesterday.

Mortensen, who will be 64 years old at the end of this month, joined the Danish Foreign Ministry in 1950 and was chairman of the country's commission on security policy and development before coming to the United Nations in 1988.

## Convoy stopped

OLONGAPO, Philippines, Jan 20, (Reuters): Tens of thousands of dock workers, store owners and bar girls rallied today in support of US military bases in the Philippines, barring a rowdy convoy of peace campaigners who want them removed.

Organisers of an anti-bases "peace caravan" planned to demonstrate outside the large US naval base at Subic Bay but were blocked by a series of military check-points and trucks across the road.

Bar girls from the sprawling red light district in neighbouring Olongapo carried banners calling for retention of the bases.

LOS ANGELES, Jan 20, (Reuters): Entertainer Wayne Newton has accepted a \$6 million libel award against the NBC television network over allegations he was linked to organised crime, but NBC said the nine-year legal battle was not over.

Earlier this month a federal judge gave Newton until Feb 1 to accept the award, one of the largest in American history, or face having to prove his case again in a new trial in Los Angeles.

"This is a major victory," said Newton, who sued the network in 1981. "It's over for me," he told a news conference.

But NBC News senior vice-president Thomas Ross said in a statement the network would appeal against the judgment.

"Newton's refusal to put his case before a Los Angeles jury speaks for itself on all the issues, including whether NBC libelled Newton," Ross said.

## Bread without wheat

ROME, Jan 20, (Reuters): United Nations officials said they had discovered how to make bread without wheat, a breakthrough to help developing countries end their damaging dependence on imported grain.

The discovery was described by UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) chief Edouard Seamu as "a ray of hope for much of the developing world, particularly for those poor nations that do not grow wheat or cannot afford to import it."

The greatest difficulty in inventing a new method of making bread was to replace wheat gluten, a substance found in sufficient quantities only in wheat itself.

The gluten traps the gases created by yeast fermentation to give bread its light texture.

After a long series of experiments Canadian Morton Satin, inventor of the new bread, found that a gluey, viscous substance to replace wheat gluten can be made merely by boiling some cassava or flour from other local crops such as sorghum and maize in water.

The other ingredients, including yeast, are then added to make a kind of batter rather than dough which is baked to make bread.

## Wife insists on meeting Papandreou

ATHENS, Jan 20, (Reuters): The American wife of Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, who is having an affair with an air hostess half his age, has repeated that she wants to meet her husband face-to-face before she will give him a divorce.

The insistence on the meeting means the 69-year-old Prime Minister looks certain to contest a national election due in June with his divorce still pending. Under Greek law, a divorce by mutual consent takes at least a year to process.

"I set no conditions for a divorce. The only thing that remains is a meeting with Andreas... For me the divorce matter is closed and the sooner it ends the better," Margaret Papandreou 64, told reporters yesterday.

## MNLF steps up separatist campaign

## Filipino Muslims seek OIC seat

MANILA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Muslim separatist rebels in the Philippines said yesterday they intended to press for full membership of the Organisation of Islamic Conference when it meets in Riyadh in March and were confident of success.

"We are very optimistic now," Datu Ibrahim Rey Uy told a Manila news conference. "In the last conference we conducted a consensus vote... we garnered 33 votes in our favour."

Uy, one of four members of the Moro National Liberation Front at the news conference, said membership was on the agenda for the March 13-16 meeting of the 46-country OIC.

OIC membership would amount to virtual recognition of independence for the southern areas of the mainly-Roman Catholic Philippines where the rebels operate and would "give us elbow in our bid for membership."

## Rebels split on interim Afghan government

NICOSIA, Jan 20, (Reuters): The spokesman for a coalition of Iran-based Muslim Afghan guerrillas said a plan by Pakistan-based mujahadeen for the formation of an interim Afghan government was impractical and one-sided.

The plan calls for a meeting of a consultative council of Afghan mujahadeen on Feb 1 to approve an interim government to rule Afghanistan after the completion of Soviet troop pullout two weeks later.

Speaking on Iranian Television, Mohammad Karim Khalili said the seven-party Pakistan-based alliance had not consulted other mujahadeen forces and the share of delegates allotted to the eight-party coalition based in Iran was too small.

"A one-sided plan will not be effective... any plan drawn up with haste will have such weaknesses," he said.

The television, monitored in Nicosia, said the plan envisaged a 480-member council, half of them mujahadeen commanders in the field and the rest chosen from among refugees in Pakistan, Iran and other countries. Khalili said gathering a large

number of rebels in one place just for one vote would be a very difficult and useless exercise.

But he stressed that despite their differences, all guerrilla groups were united on the need for the removal of the Soviet-backed government of Afghan President Najibullah.

The Iran-based mujahadeen are Shiite Muslims and their fighters are active mainly in the Shiite areas of central Afghanistan.

## Britons

Meanwhile, British Foreign Office has advised all Britons living in Afghanistan to leave as soon as possible as conditions there are deteriorating.

Muslim guerrillas are reported to be stepping up attacks as Soviet troops withdraw and food and fuel are in short supply.

The British embassy in the capital Kabul is remaining open but contingency plans have been drawn up in case the staff of seven is withdrawn.

There are 34 Britons in Afghanistan.

About 37 other people, mainly Scandinavian, for whom Britain has consular responsibility, are also being advised to leave.

## Another train crash averted in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Jan 20, (Reuters): Bangladesh sacked two station masters today after two trains screeched to a nose-to-nose halt only 500 metres from the spot where 135 people died in the country's worst rail disaster a few days earlier.

Screaming passengers alerted drivers to the danger as the trains raced towards each other on the single-track line at Pubail, 15 miles (24 km) from Dhaka.

Angry passengers, joined by hundreds of villagers, ringed the stationary trains but the drivers and other crew managed to flee, witnesses said.

Two station masters have been suspended and several others are being questioned for putting up wrong signals, a Communications Ministry official told reporters.

The government has asked survivors of Sunday's accident, in which nearly 1,000 people were injured, to submit evidence to a railway inquiry commission.

## Search stalled

BRUSSELS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Belgian police said today their six-day hunt for kidnapped former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants was stalled and that he might be dead.

"I appeal again for the kidnappers to give a sign that they really have him," chief investigator Andre Vandoren said.

## Arab envoys discuss ways to end crisis in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Jan 20, (Reuters): Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara discussed Lebanon's political problems with Arab League envoys seeking to end the crisis there.

Taking part in the talks were Abdul-Mohsen Al Jia'an, Kuwait's Ambassador to the Arab League, and Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Jassim, Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria, who were representing the League's Lebanon peace committee, officials said.

The envoys gave a message from the committee chairman, Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to Shara, whose country is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has 25,000 troops.

The committee, set up by Arab foreign ministers in Tunisia earlier this month, groups the ministers of the United Arab

Emirates, Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Algeria and Tunisia.

An official at the Kuwaiti Embassy said the two envoys might leave for Beirut tonight.

Sheikh Sabah said in Kuwait on Wednesday the envoys would meet Selim Hoss, acting Prime Minister of Lebanon's Muslim-led caretaker government, General Michel Aoun, who heads the rival interim Christian administration, and parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini.

## Meeting

In Washington top officials at the State Department, responsible for the Lebanese conflict, have concluded two-days of closed meetings aimed at adopting some unified recommendations for breaking the political deadlock in that war-torn country.

State Department officials said the meeting was arranged in order to finalise recommenda-

tions on Lebanon that will be handed over to the new Bush administration when it takes over the reins of power.

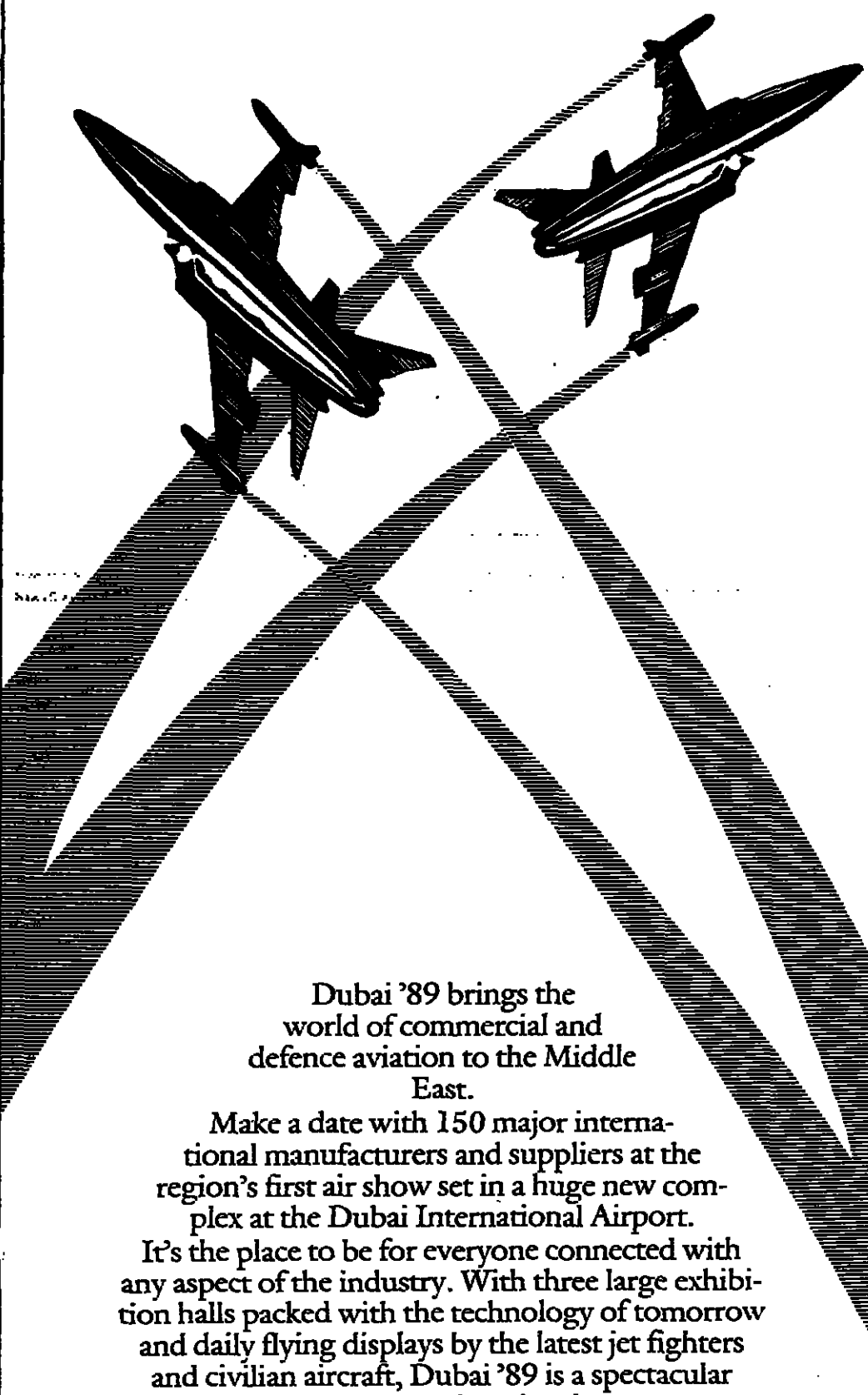
The meeting was headed by Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, Richard Murphy, who will be leaving the department today.

Meanwhile Syrian troops halted overnight clashes between Shiite foes in Beirut amid reports that Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will visit Syria in a fresh effort to end Lebanon's inter-Shiite battles.

Militia sources said today Syrian troops, who deployed in Beirut's southern suburbs last year, intervened to end rocket and machine-gun fire between Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah last night.

The clashes broke an undeclared truce that began last Saturday when Shiite religious leaders started peace talks.

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## Mixed reactions to new labour law

IBRAHIM Al Mudhaf, acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, has expressed support for the new labour law which was recently issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He said that the new labour law protects firm owners from constant manpower infiltration.

The new law, he added, was unlikely to give firm owners the opportunity to exploit their employees as a written contract between the employer and his employee protects the rights of both sides, thereby preventing exploitation.

### Encouragement

Mudhaf welcomed the decision which gives nationals priority of employment in the private sector and urges firm owners to encourage them to join the private sector. He called on firm owners to maintain and protect the work rights of nationals.

The official felt that employing national manpower is much better than importing, which usually has many negative effects on society.

Yousef Al Attiqi, Assistant Undersecretary for Service Affairs at the Ministry of Health said that company and hotel labour service problems must be solved, adding that it was illogical to dispense with trained workers.

### Transfer

He pointed out that new regulations will restrict business movement, and the obligation of an employer to sponsor the employee for three years with no transferable visa, opposes the rationalisation policy. A new system should be utilised to permit companies to transfer their workers to another company.

The official added that some companies were suffering a workforce inflation, while others face shortages and are therefore forced to hire local manpower from other companies.

He declared that the new labour law will be a burden to the Immigration Department and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He felt that giving priority to national manpower in the private sector is premature and needs a long-term strategy, as GCC citizens lack technical experience. Systems should be utilised to prevent expansion of job opportunities in the public sector, he said.

Dr Wadad Al Swaib, Technical Consultant and Director of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Technical Office, said that a three year period for a transferable visa is a long time and in the long run, the implementation of the new labour law will show negative effects.

Adel Al Baghli, a firm owner said that the new law will create problems for employers since the hiring of nationals will mean that salaries will have to be raised. Most companies seek cheap labour, and with the current economic conditions, an increase in salaries will create hardship.

Assad Imadi, another firm owner, said that a firm may need part-time workers only, and should be allowed to employ them. On the other hand, many people cannot live without their part-time jobs because the cost of living in Kuwait is very high.

Meanwhile, a number of lawyers, asked to comment on the new labour law in the private sector, pointed out that the law greatly restricts the freedom of both employees and employers.

They specifically pointed out the clause that bans private sector employees from transferring their residence from one employer to another before the lapse of three years. They added that this article is against the rights of both employees and employers.

The lawyers demanded that the law should not come into force two months after appearing in the official gazette but after one year.

Lawyer Sara Abdulla Al Duesi said that employers will suffer financially because their work will be delayed if the workers they recruit are not good and because they cannot replace them with others. She stressed that the freedom of movement of both employees and employers should not be restricted because it will lead to economic stagnation.

### Stagnation

She described this clause as one of the many "not well studied" decisions that lead to stagnation.

She added that by this clause, the government is complicating procedures and hampering economic activities in the country.

If the employer sacks some of his employees, he cannot replace them quickly because of the law. Such employers will have to wait for the availability of Kuwaiti or GCC manpower.

She pointed out that this law will make Kuwaiti employees lazier simply because they are strongly backed by the law.

She further added that the law will also force employers to employ certain types of employees that they may not like.

She said that the law also obstructs the recruitment of expatriate manpower, thus depriving local businessmen from having well-qualified and highly skilled manpower that they badly need.

### Costs

Duesi said that the restrictions on bringing manpower from outside Kuwait will force employers to employ people from within the country, who usually cost much higher than those from outside.

This will increase the cost of local businesses who will resort to price increases and ultimately consumers will suffer.

She said that the main problem with the unemployed Kuwaiti graduates is that they do not accept ordinary jobs and always want leading posts.

On his part, advocate Waleed Mohammed Naser said that the new labour law will help employers harass and oppress their expatriate employees.

## Training courses for diplomats concluded

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (KUNA): Under the auspices of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Foreign Ministry Thursday celebrated the conclusion of two courses designed for a number of new diplomats.

Sheikh Sabah deputised the ministry's Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shatin who congratulated the new diplomats on successfully passing the two courses on the art of negotiations and other diplomatic skills.

Shatin handed the new diplomats certificates of success in the two courses prepared by the Director of Training and Development Bureau Fadda Al Ghanim, within the ministry's annual training programme.

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## UN envoy Jan Eliasson to start new peace drive

# Iraqi foreign minister accuses Iran of blocking peace talks

BAGHDAD, Jan 20, (Agencies): Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz accused Iran of blocking peace talks in the Gulf war but said he was optimistic that a special United Nations envoy could get the negotiations going again.

Aziz said yesterday that Iran's tactics so far had failed to break the stalemate in the peace talks and would not lead to a lasting peace.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is sending Swedish UN Ambassador Jan Eliasson to Tehran and Baghdad next week in a bid to persuade the two sides to show more flexibility.

"They (the UN secretary-general and his envoy) are bound to put things in their correct place, and make the Iranian side come to the negotiations with a practical approach for durable and comprehensive peace," Aziz said.

### Consultation

Aziz said Eliasson would arrive in Iran on Jan 23 and Iraq Jan 27 to explore new ideas for resuming the UN-sponsored peace talks. He added that Eliasson will then consult with the UN secretary-general to fix a date for the talks to restart.

Almost eight years of war stopped on Aug 20 when both Iran and Iraq accepted a UN-mediated ceasefire, but peace talks in Geneva broke down five days later.

Two more rounds of talks failed to resolve the deadlock over troop withdrawals to pre-war borders.

UN Security Council Resolution 598, adopted in 1987, calls



Jan Eliasson ... fresh bid

on Iran and Iraq to halt "all military activities" and honour the truce, withdraw their troops to pre-war borders, exchange around 100,000 prisoners-of-war and start peace talks.

Aziz also said that Iran's continuing refusal to release sick and wounded Iraqi prisoners of war is a major obstacle to peace.

Iran and Iraq agreed in separate talks with the International Committee for the Red Cross last November to exchange a total of 1,158 sick and disabled POWs.

The exchange started on Nov 23 with a chartered ICRC plane shuttling disabled POWs between Baghdad and Tehran, but broke four days later after the Iranians freed only half the number agreed claiming the remainder had sought asylum in Iran.

A total of 155 Iraqi and 56 Iranian were exchanged at that time.

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

sein last week announced that Iraq would repatriate another 200 sick and wounded Iranian POWs as a humanitarian gesture.

Diplomats at the UN have said they expected little progress in the Iran-Iraq peace talks when Jan Eliasson visits the region next week, but hoped the return of sick and injured prisoners of war will resume.

UN officials and diplomats, speaking on condition of not being identified, did not foresee the likelihood of Tehran or Baghdad budging from those positions, but said progress was possible on the exchange of sick or injured prisoners and other technical "confidence-building measures."

A UN official said Iran and Iraq appear ready to initiate direct contacts between their military officers to work out their frequent complaints about technical violations of the ceasefire and other military matters.

### Progress

"We hope to achieve movement, some sense of progress," he said.

He also hoped for progress on the substantial issues, including the impasse over the blocked Shatt Al Arab waterway between Iran and Iraq, but could not foresee progress in the next round of indirect talks.

The Shatt Al Arab is Iraq's only deep-water access to the Gulf. Iran has several ports along the coast as well.

Iraq has suggested that the UN oversee the dredging of the waterway, now blocked by the accumulation of silt and sunken ships.

Iran has refused to co-operate with the plan unless Iraq recognises the 1975 Algiers treaty. Iraq has said another accord could be worked out under which the two nations would share the use of the Shatt.

Earlier this month Iraq's parliament approved funds to dredge a new deep-water port west of the Shatt Al Arab.

Meanwhile the International Committee of the Red Cross has said it would repatriate, next week, 255 Iranian prisoners of war, Iraq has offered to release.

An ICRC spokeswoman said the 255 sick or wounded POWs were being interviewed by Red Cross officials to determine whether they wanted to return home.

### Release

They would be flown to Tehran next Monday and Tuesday on two flights operated by Bahrain, a chartered airline owned by Swissair.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein promised to release the POWs after a conference of Muslim clerics in Baghdad called for it as a peace gesture.

So far the Iranian side has not responded to the goodwill move by ordering a similar release, although ICRC officials are believed to have contacted Tehran to see if any reciprocal action could be expected.

The ICRC spokeswoman said the Geneva-based humanitarian body was trying to convince the two sides to resume a swap of sick and wounded, numbering 1,500, and to start exchanging a total of 100,000 prisoners captured during eight years of war.

## Amiri Diwan project

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti will sign on Saturday the contract for the first stage of the project of the Amiri Diwan and the office of HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

A source told KUNA that the KD8.6 million stage of the project comprises of finding a suitable piece of land near the sea and conducting necessary work on shore protection, including the construction of a special berth and water passage.

This is the first major project to be signed by Al Houti this year.

The Amiri Diwan project comprises a number of stages, the first of which lasts for two years.

## Storm capsize Iranian launch

NICOSIA, Jan 20, (Reuters): One person was killed and three were missing after an Iranian launch capsized in a severe storm in the Gulf off Dubai on Thursday, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Police in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates said eight of the 12 people on the boat were rescued and taken to hospital in critical condition, IRNA said.

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## Mines a major threat in Gulf, says French naval commander

MANAMA, Jan 20, (Agencies): Adm. Guy Labouerie, Commander of the French Naval Task Force in the Indian Ocean, has warned that drifting mines from the Iran-Iraq war are a major threat to shipping in the Gulf region.

Mines drift are always a main danger in the Gulf, but it is impossible to say how many mines are still drifting, Labouerie told a news conference on Wednesday aboard La Marnie, a double-task support warship armed with 40-mm and 220-mm guns. The vessel was docked at Bahrain for a courtesy call.

### Complain

The French commander said that in stormy winter weather some mines had broken loose from their moorings and were drifting in the Gulf. He spoke in French and a civilian aide translated his remarks into English.

On Tuesday, Bahrain officials reported that a fishing boat hit a mine in the Gulf and exploded, killing its master and injuring the five crewmen.

A Saudi Arabian tanker in the Strait of Hormuz that exploded on Jan 5 and later sank was also

believed to have hit a mine. At least six crew members were killed.

Adm. Labouerie complained that neither Iran nor Iraq would "tell where the mines are," adding that "both countries should be aware of the locations of their mines and stop using them."

Shipping sources estimate there are about 200 unexploded Iranian and Iraqi mines floating in the northern Gulf. The French Navy has found and exploded 22 mines, and allied warships have neutralized another 20 since the ceasefire.

### Information

"We have a watch (for mines) like all other warships, but it's difficult to spot a mine at night," he said.

No French warship has struck a mine yet, but a mine the Pentagon said was Iranian blew a gaping hole in the USS Samuel B. Roberts last April, injuring ten seamen.

"When it comes to exchanging information on mines, we even tell the Russians," Labouerie said. The Soviet Union has two warships and a mine-hunter in the Gulf, US Navy officials said. A Soviet tanker leased to

Kuwait struck a mine in the Gulf two years ago, but Moscow refrained from taking retaliatory action.

France had 29 warships, minesweepers and support vessels in the Indian Ocean at the height of the Iran-Iraq war in 1987 and because "when you lay mines you should keep mines."

During the war, France sent ships close to the Strait of Hormuz and inside the Gulf to escort French-flag commercial vessels and help clear mines, co-operating with the United States and other Western naval task forces.

### Hopes

Adm. Labouerie said that the French Navy used to have two destroyers and two mine-hunters inside the Gulf, but that the number of mine-hunters was now reduced to just one.

He said the French Navy neutralized 22 mines in the Gulf and the northern part of the Arabian Sea on the fringes of the Strait of Hormuz but had not spotted any mines since Aug 20.

"Now the admiral hopes that once negotiations between Iran and Iraq improve, they (the French) will keep only one destroyer (inside the Gulf)," the translator added.

## State keen on fostering barristers, says Othman

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (KUNA): Justice and Legal Affairs Minister, Dari Abdullah Al Othman said today the state, led by HH the Amir, is keen on fostering the bar, based on a belief that every individual has the right to defence.

The minister said in an interview with KUNA, that a new legislation regulating the bar would allow extra guarantees for barristers, and would allow them extra room in developing their profession and questioning anyone who violated its ethics.

He pointed out that balancing the rights of lawyers and their commitments towards clients was the prime criteria for assessing the proposals presented to the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs by the board of the Barristers Society.

## Child molester gets 25 years

A MAN was sentenced to 25 years in jail for child molestation by the Criminal Court.

The court was told that the defendant, a building's guard, had invited five minor girls, ages between eight and 14, to his room one at a time, to sexually assault them, during the past three years.

The victims' parents were at work when the crimes were committed and the children were threatened not to tell.

The accused was caught while molesting a nine-year-old and referred to the local police station.

## Five years for illicit sex

THE Criminal Court sentenced one Omar A. to five years rigorous imprisonment to be followed with deportation on the charge of having illicit sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl Jamila and for hiding her in his friend's house after she escaped from the psychological hospital.

The court heard that Jamila was arrested by policemen on suspicion of committing a crime. She was referred to the psychological hospital for examination but fled from the hospital at night and went to the defendant who hid her in his friend's house.

The girl confessed that the defendant had sexual relations with her during her disappearance.

Meanwhile, the court also sentenced a man to four years rigorous imprisonment on the charge of issuing a dud cheque for KD560,000 to another person.

## Manpower statistics

A STATISTICAL report published by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, says that a total of 91,034 expatriates entered Kuwait during 1986 and 1987.

It stated that within the same period, 67,672 workers left. Thereby the net expatriate manpower was 23,362, representing a small increase.

Official sources at the ministry added that 50 per cent of the total expatriate manpower work in commerce, food chains and hotels, 10.3 per cent in industries and 7.9 per cent in transportation and storage.

## High technology communication system

A HIGH-TECH security radio-communications system from King Radio Corporation has just been added to the long list of products and equipment that Arabian Helicopters Ltd (AHL) sells and services. Adopted primarily for scrambling communications, the King equipment can also be employed in a broad range of operations.

The Dammam-based company adds this instrument to its already extensive avionics and electronics servicing and repair facilities. In addition to King products, the AHL maintenance centre is also the authorised service centre in the Middle East for Collins, Suico and Wuitsburg products. Moreover, it can take on repairs and servicing on black boxes, radar and other high-tech electronics equipment.

AHL is the sole company in the Middle East with the capability to undertake complete overhaul and line maintenance of helicopters. The company also provides certain technical and operational services, including manpower support, for various civilian and military airports in the Middle East.

## Cathay forecasts further growth

CATHAY Pacific Airways recorded a growth of 6.9 per cent during 1988 in the Middle East market and budgeted figures for this year forecast further growth, according to Albert Manouk, General Manager Middle East.

Addressing the airline's Middle East Marketing Conference for 1989, Manouk highlighted the performance of the carrier last year and forecast increasing sales this year.

## Amir to inaugurate engineering conference

HH the Amir will inaugurate the 18th Arab Engineers' Conference, according to Bader Al Sayed Al Rifai, vice-president of Arab Union of Engineers and Chairman of the Kuwaiti Engineers' Society.

The conference will be held from Feb 18 to 21, with the opening session at the Bayan Palace. Other sessions will be held at the Kuwait Regency Palace.

Preparations for the conference, by the Kuwaiti Engineers' Society and the Arab Union of Engineers, have been going on for the past three years.

Rifai said that 1,170 Arab

engineers have registered for participation. However, relevant sources expect the number to rise to 1,500 as they will represent over half a million Arab engineers throughout the Arab world.

The official stated that the conference will discuss issues involved with the general situation of Arab engineers, the development of Arab engineers' technological abilities, ways of making Arab funds contribute to Arab engineering industries, the development of Arab engineering consultancy services and ways of achieving integration among Arab countries in the engineering field.

## Expatriate ministry employees will not be sacked in 1989

GOVERNMENT ministries will not sack non-Kuwaiti employees during 1989, according to Sheikh Mohammed Al Sabah, Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs at the Civil Service Commission.

He said that expatriates who resign their jobs will be the only people asked to resign.

He added that the ministries still appoint expatriate employees in accordance with their needs. With each new budget, he added, a number of grades (vacancies) are granted to each ministry or public establishment with respect to their requirement of manpower.

Meanwhile, the director of the Jahra Health Area, Dr Rahed Al

Rashoud announced that a large number of nurses have submitted their resignations recently.

He stated that the Ministry of Public Health will recruit more from different countries to replace those who resigned. He further added that the shortage in nursing staff will remain a problem as long as the ministry depends on expatriate nurses.

Rashoud said that Kuwaiti nurses should be encouraged to work with the ministry. The only obstacle before them, he added, was the low salary. The official called on the ministry to increase the salaries of Kuwaiti nurses and to provide them with incentives to work with the ministry.

## Contract signed for new TV tower in Abdali

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (KUNA): Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah signed yesterday a contract for the installation, at Al Abdali area of a TV transmission station.

The contract stipulates the import and installation of TV transmission equipment and associated aerials and feeder lines in addition to a 600-metre transmission tower.

This tower is considered the only one of its kind in the Middle East and Europe. It will be operative by January 1991.

The installation of the tower in question will manifest the ministry's plans to strengthen radio and television transmission.

Sheikh Jaber delivered a speech following the signing of the contract in which he asserted the government's keenness to satisfy public interest in moral and intellectual programmes on the one hand, and to attempt embodying Kuwait's bright portrayal through such sets, on the other.

The Minister of Information indicated that the project has two aspects: the first, he said, was related to the technical work "where I think the adjudicator company has the efficiency to carry out properly." He added the second aspect was related to one's morale "it is the duty of every one of us to maintain the brightness of Kuwait's image."

## Teachers are important, says society chairman

RIOTS in schools and attacks against teachers will only be settled with the co-operation of all relevant authorities, according to Omar Al Ghorair, chairman of the Kuwait Teachers' Society.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Ghorair called for the enlightening of the public on the importance of the teacher and added that teachers should also behave appropriately to win the community's respect.

He added that the society had adopted the necessary informa-

tion campaigns which is aimed at enlightening the public.

Al Ghorair said that the Kuwaitisation of the educational process will be gradual and that it has only covered the primary and kindergarten stages so far.

The official added that early retirement among Kuwaitis has had a negative impact on the teaching profession but some retire due to social, functional and health reasons, all of which should be cured in order to solve the retirement problem.

## Hereditary disease

A TOTAL of 3,060 patients have visited the Hereditary Diseases Centre and its clinics since the beginning of 1988, but no surgery was conducted, according to Dr Sadiqa Al Awadi, head of the centre.

She said that the centre has seven doctors, 13 technicians, two nurses and one social specialist.

She explained that the centre diagnoses rare cases and advises families on appropriate form of medical services.

## Ministry reshuffle

THE Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Hnoud Abdullah Al Rqbah, chaired a meeting of the ministry's Planning Committee on Thursday.

The "Soyassah" learnt that the ministry was currently undergoing an administrative reshuffle which resulted in senior officials obtaining different positions and the promotion of others to chief engineers.

The meeting was also attended by the Ministry's Undersecretary, Abdullah Al Munaiyas and his assistants.

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## TV CORNER

## Choice of the week

**KRAMER VS KRAMER:** (KTV 2, 10 pm, Wednesday): The 1982 smash hit that garnered several Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor (Dustin Hoffman) and Best Supporting Actress (Meryl Streep). Director Robert Benton has astutely adapted Avery Corman's novel about an advertising man who discovers what

child raising means after his wife leaves them. Benton's style is direct, fluid and precise. Hoffman gives one of his finest performances; equally extraordinary are the performances of the son, played by Justin Henry, and the wife (Meryl Streep). The film has problems resolving the plot, but its character truths are persuasive. Duration: 105 minutes.

**THE MAN WHO LIVED AT THE RITZ:** (Sunday, 10.30 pm): The concluding part of the Best-Seller, based on a classic novel by A.E. Hotchner. Set in Nazi occupied Paris during World War II against the backdrop of the Ritz Hotel, it tells the personal and moral dilemma faced by Philip Webster, an American who lives at the Ritz, and realises that life is only worth living if you are willing to die for it. The star cast includes Perry King, Leslie Caron, David McCallum. Directed by British award-winning director Desmond Davis.



Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep and Justin Henry star in Kramer vs Kramer, Wednesday.

## This week on KTV 2



Perry King (left) plays the title role of The Man Who Lived at the Ritz, Sunday's Best-Seller.

## SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial
- 6.30 The Owl: a documentary for young viewers. Tonight, the children visit a space centre and learn about telescopes.
- 7.00 Scientific Eye: "Force and Friction".
- 7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness: "Put to the Test". Dave disregards rules and finds himself in a lot of trouble.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Call Me Mister: Sir Jack is hired to investigate the case of a woman who is in a mental hospital
- 9.40 Dive to Adventure: "Bahamas"
- 10.00 What's Happening Now: "Deep". James is not too happy about Dee's relationship with his friend.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: "The Man Who Lived at the Ritz". Part 2. Perry King plays Philip Webster, an American, who helps the French resistance movement during the German occupation of Paris. Also starring Cherie Lunghi, Leslie Caron, David McCallum, David Robb and Joe Ackland. Based on the classic novel by A.E. Hotchner.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Checky's Children: based on characters created by John Wyndham
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views
- 7.30 Perspective: Nature: "A look at forests"
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 A Different World: "Those Who Can't..." The girls in the dorm want to make an example of a girl who climbs over a wall.
- 9.30 Rediscovery of the World: a trip to Haiti
- 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "13th Floor". A real-estate is told not to demolish a building

## TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Newsline: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Fire Raiser: the children help the police to find clues to a murder.
- 7.00 Footsteps: explores the civilisation of the Incas in Peru
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 A Year in the Life: starring Richard Kiley
- 9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series
- 10.10 Bustle Loose: Mimi is tired of household chores and asks the children to help her out.
- 10.30 Jake and the Farmhouse: "I'll be Seeing You". Bower is murdered and the killer is on the run. Starring: William Conrad and Joe E. Penny
- 11.30 News Summary/followed by Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

## WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Transformers: cartoon serial

and develop the site. He reacts violently...

10.30 French Feature Film: "Le Sauvage". Starring: Raymond Danon, Ires Montan. A woman runs away on her wedding night after stealing a painting.

11.30 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown



There is comedy with The Charming, on Friday night.

woman accused of killing her husband.

9.40 The Cosby Show: "Once Upon a Time." Comedy.

10.10 Wednesday's feature film: "Kramer vs Kramer". Starring: Dustin Hoffman, Justin Henry and Meryl Streep.

12.00 News Summary/followed by Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: "The Little Mermaid." The tale of a mermaid who wants to see the

world.

7.30 T and T: Mr T plays a private eye who solves difficult cases.

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Oldest Rookie: Paul Sorvino is Detective Porter. In an episode entitled "Heartbreak", he tries to unravel the mystery of the missing bracelet.

9.40 Incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of That's Incredible.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Trapped in Silence." Starring: Marsha Mason, Ron Silver

12.00 NewsSummary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## FRIDAY

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.40 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children
- 4.00 Italian Football
- 5.30 American Basketball
- 6.30 Star Trek: there is an emergency onboard the spaceship Enterprise
- 7.30 Face to Face
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Breaking Away
- 8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games
- 9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait
- 10.00 The Charming: "Buy a Car." Comedy.
- 10.30 Desperado
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Ameen Pharmacy  
Behbehani Bldg., Jaber Al Mubarak St.  
Al Kawther Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Qatani Pharmacy  
Beirut St.  
Salimiyah and Rasmithiya  
Razan Pharmacy  
Razi St.  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Al Badiya Pharmacy  
Dabbous St, F'heel  
Khatan  
Al Wahda Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Najah Pharmacy  
Badr Al Sumait Bldg., Area 4

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars  
Starring: Jackie Chan  
Al Salimiya  
Arabic play  
Al Hamra  
Shaqiqah wa Mutwalli (Arabic)  
Starring: Suad Husni, Ahmad Zaki  
Drive-In  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Munier  
Al Firdous  
Tofia Mohabbat Ka (Hindi)  
Starring: Govinda, Kimi Kakkar  
Fahadheel Open-Air  
Inteqam (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor.

Meenakshi Seshadiri  
Fahadheel  
Supergirl (Malayalam)  
Al Jahra  
Count of Monte Cristo  
Granada  
Three Musketeers  
Salaibkhat  
Dragon Force  
Al Jleeb  
Adholokam (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
A Night in the Town

## PRAYERS

Fajr	5.19 am
Zuhr	12.00
Asr	2.57 pm
Maghreb	5.17
Isha	6.37

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Good Morning
- 9.15 Cartoon serial
- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Imraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial; Part 6. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfikar, Tayseer Fahmi, Mohsin Sarhan
- 10.50 News Summary/Good Morning
- 11.00 Saghirat Al Hayat: local Arabic serial; Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayyed Essa
- 12.00 Gulf Cuisine
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

## EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Cartoon serial
- 5.15 Fanan Saghir: Young Artists
- 5.45 Nazrat Al Alam: cultural programme
- 6.00 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.15 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir
- 7.50 Security and Citizens
- 8.30 Good Evening
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Daerat Al Ahadith: Circle of Events, presented by Kamel Abdul Jalil
- 11.30 Imraa Min Al Maadi: Arabic play, starring



The family of Our House weathers another crisis, on KTV 2 tonight.

Afaf Shuaib, Majdi Wahba, Raghda

12.30 News Summary

12.35 World News via Satellite

1.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Duck Tales: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Scheme of Things: "Fireworks in the Sky." A look at how fireworks are made.
- 7.00 Sea Urchins: Gabriella and Tina escape from their pursuers and seek refuge in an abandoned factory
- 7.30 Throb: Sandy decides to join the birthday party to cheer up a colleague at

the record company

8.00 News in English

8.40 Our House: the family cope with another crisis: a stolen car.

9.30 Horizon: "Purple Warrior." Part One. A field report on rules for co-ordinating war efforts.

10.30 Made-for-TV movie: "Dangerous Affection." Action, adventure and intrigue form the theme of tonight's movie.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 30 Personal View
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Classical Record Review
- 45 Book Choice
- 50 New Ideas.
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 People and Politics
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Vintage Chart Show
- 0400 Newsline
- 30 Here's Humph
- 45 Personal View
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsline
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From the Weeklies
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Personal View
- 1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph
- 15 Letter from America
- 30 People and Politics
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Meridian

- 1200 Newsline
- 15 Multitrack 3
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK
- 45 From Old-Time to New Country
- 1400 News Summary followed by The Ken Bruce Show
- 30 Sportsworld
- 1500 Newsline
- 15 Sportsround contd
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Sportsround contd
- 1700 1-hour News Summary followed by Sportsround contd
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsline
- 30 Composer of the Month: Purcell
- 1900 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: 14th The Tempest; 21st The Lovers of Vienna; 28th The Countess Cathleen
- 2000 World News
- 09 From Our Own Correspondent
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Meridian
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 Market Leaders
- 2200 Newsline
- 2300 World News
- 09 Book Choice
- 15 A Jolly Good Show

## FM Services

- 0600 Opening/Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1200 Arabic Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News on FM Service
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Spanish hour
- 1700 Arabic Songs and Music
- 1800 Pope
- 2130 News

## English

- MORNING
- 0600 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0830 News in English
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Cultural Horizon
- 0930 Reggae Rock
- 1000 Our Free Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1100 Closedown
- EVENING
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 Kuwait
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 Kuwait in a Week
- 2215 Rock On
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Strictly Romantic
- 2330 Amazing Fact
- 2400 Closedown

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Beteren Qaul
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Jaizah
- 2000 News in Urdu
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Dhanak
- 2100 Closedown

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## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

- Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thumayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.
- Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.
- Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
- Sadu House**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.
- Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL JAN 24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

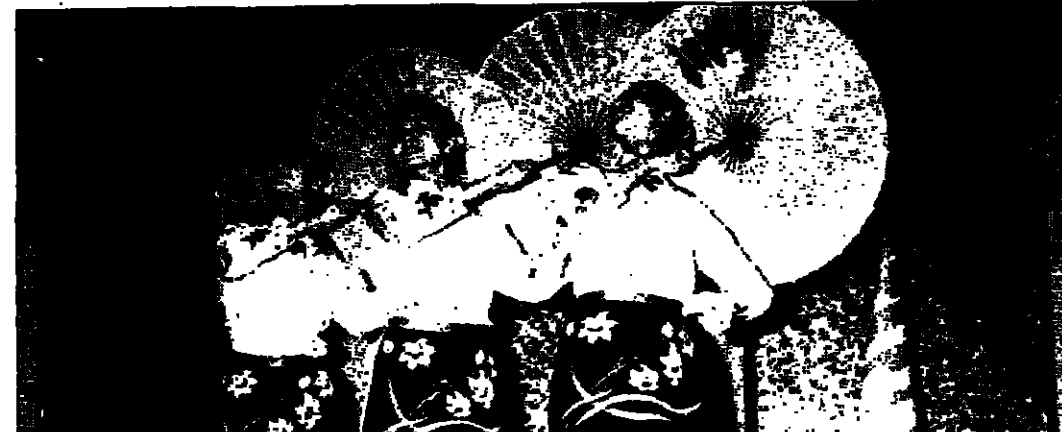
**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Iwan Gallery**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salimiyah.

**Cuban art show**  
UNTIL JAN 24: a collection of paintings by Cuban artists is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 25, (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 26: matinee (3



A group of 15 Chinese artists including dancers, magicians and acrobats will take part in the Chinese Festival at the Kuwait International Hotel. The festival gala will be held at the Fallaka Restaurant on Jan 25, followed by a regular a la carte menu with a selection of Chinese dishes. A Chinese food corner will also be open at La Palma from Jan 22 to 31. Above: some Chinese dancers at a press preview.

pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 25: 5.30 pm: Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

**Funkar Arts Group**  
JAN 27, 5 pm: The Indian theatre group, Funkar Arts will present two one-act plays. Bus Stop, a comedy and Second Trap, a suspense drama will be performed at the IAC. A dance show will also be held.

**IAC Drama Competition**  
IAC will hold an one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma — 2644863; Raman — 3903879.

## CINEMA

**Children's film**  
JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10.30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya.

The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## MUSIC

**Dhanak**  
FEB 3: The musical groups Funkada and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening

entitled "Dhanak" at the SAS Tent. It will feature a number of local singers and bands. The musical evening will be followed by dinner.

**Kuwait Singers**  
Rehearsals for the next Kuwait Singers concert will be held each Saturday and Monday from 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School. Past, current and new singers welcome. For details phone 3900922 or 5384873.

## SOCIAL

**Kuwait Rondels**  
FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

**Kuwait Caledonians**  
FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glennie. Tel: 5335082; 5332235; 3727691 ext. 253.

## HOTELS

**At the Kuwait International**  
JAN 28: The Edinburgh Philharmonic Orchestra will give a recital featuring a selection of contemporary and classical music. Excerpts of Haydn,

Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and other composers will be performed by the quartet. For reservations contact the hotel.

The Spanish extravaganza featuring Flamenco dancers continues in the Fallaka Restaurant.

**At the SAS**  
AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

**At Boom: "New Taste of the Week"** prepared by chef Peter D. Zohri. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

**At Messilah Beach**  
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

**At the Pullman**  
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

**At the Ramada**  
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

## At the Continental

GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Dabbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

## SPORTS

**Laser Sailing**  
FEB 3: Start of Messilah Beach laser club's spring series. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. For details contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd: 4841513/5314957; P. Berry: 3924174.



# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LET us be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with — *Artemus Ward, US revolutionary commander (1727-1800).*

## Chemical weapons

### Imposition of total ban is difficult

By Bryan Brunley

WASHINGTON, (AP): The dispute over a Libyan plant that has surfaced underscores the difficulty of President George Bush's desire to ban all chemical weapons, national security experts say.

A conference of 149 nations, meeting last week in Paris, endorsed a US proposal to reaffirm a 1925 Geneva protocol against the use and spread of chemical weapons.

That declaration will not ban chemical weapons, but was expected to give new impetus to long-stalled negotiations in Geneva on a proposal put forward in 1984 by Vice-President George Bush for banning chemical weapons outright and requiring nations that have them to destroy their stockpiles.

Bush, who succeeded Ronald Reagan on Friday, has expressed a wish to be remembered as the president under whom chemical weapons were eliminated.

Lieut Gen. Colin Powell, Reagan's national security adviser, is among those who say it would be hard to verify compliance with a ban on their production, and even harder to verify their total destruction.

**Problem**  
"The problem we have is that nobody has yet determined how to do it in an effectively verifiable way, because chemical weapons can be made in just about any kind of chemical plant," Powell said in an interview broadcast over the weekend on the syndicated television programme, "John McLaughlin's One on One."

"And you can turn it back into an aspirin plant or a fertilizer plant with a few hours notice," Powell said. "It's very troubling."

The Paris conference gained publicity — and momentum — because of US charges that Libya was building a chemical weapons plant at Rabta, 35 miles (56 kms) from Tripoli. Libyan leader Col Moammar Khaddafi says the plant would make pharmaceuticals.

A former US diplomat with long experience in chemical weapons negotiations, Charles Flower, recently disputed Powell's pessimistic view, arguing that any factory large enough to make a significant amount of chemical weapons could be detected by American

intelligence. "Clandestine manufacture is difficult to imagine," said Flower, who in 1977-79 directed the International Relations Division of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Frank Gaffney, deputy assistant secretary of defence in the first Reagan administration, said the dispute over the Libyan plant illustrates the problems of verifying a ban on chemical weapons.

While the Libyan plant is a dedicated chemical weapon facility, Khaddafi's protestations that it is a pharmaceutical complex nicely illustrates the problem: essentially any facility that actually is chemical products has the inherent ability to produce toxic chemicals agents for weapons.

Although about 15 countries are thought to have chemical weapons, only two nations acknowledge it, the United States and the Soviet Union.

**Stockpile**  
Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has announced that his nation would begin destroying stockpiles of chemical weapons, which he and other Soviet officials have said totaled 50,000 tons.

But on Dec 2, 1988, the Reagan administration challenged those figures. Although US officials have not disclosed their own estimates, outside experts have cited figures as high as 300,000 tons.

The United States did not produce chemical weapons from 1969 until 1987, when the Army, with the approval of Congress, began to manufacture binary weapons, which become lethal when two otherwise nontoxic chemicals are combined, forming a lethal charge.

**Destroy**  
The Army is destroying its stocks of old single-substance chemical weapons, and although the US officials have not disclosed the extent of the stockpile, outside experts estimate it to be about 30,000 tons of chemical agents. The chemicals, plus the artillery shells to deliver them, would weigh several times more. Besides the United States and the Soviet Union, more than a dozen other nations are thought to have chemical weapons, said Elisa Harris, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who carefully tracks the issue.

## Premadasa assures protection

### Guns and phone for election candidates

By Hugh Pain

COLOMBO, (Reuters): Every candidate in next month's Sri Lankan general election is being allotted a temporary telephone and two pistols.

The government's offer to the 1,393 hopefuls contesting the 225 parliamentary seats reflects the disrupted communications and the tense security situation in the Indian Ocean island after five years of Tamil unrest in the north and east and 18 months of Sinhalese backlash in the south.

All Tamil parties except the die-hard Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have now forsworn violence and will contest the Feb 15 polls, and their candidates, disarmed by security forces last year, will ironically be among those given revolvers by the government they fought.

**Boycott**  
But the LTTE has called on Tamils to boycott the election, and military sources in the south say the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP) plans to disrupt the polls.

Executive President Ranasinghe Premadasa has assured all candidates of police protection, but less than two weeks after nominations closed, four candidates have already been killed along with at least seven party activists.

Premadasa, fresh from his election as head of state last month, is confident of triumphing again and has asked voters to give his United National Party (UNP) a two-thirds majority in parliament to enable him to push through major changes.

His main opponent Sirima Bandaranaike believes the executive presidency puts too much power in the hands of one person and wants to return to the

prime ministerial system under which she led the country from 1960-65 and 1970-77.

But she ran a lacklustre race for the presidency and her Freedom Party has failed to forge an electoral pact with the minor parties which supported her last month, offering Premadasa the pleasing prospect of a fragmented opposition.

"It is hard to see how Premadasa can lose," commented one Western diplomat even before the campaign got under way.

Poverty and security, not constitutional or party issues, are certain to dominate the campaign.

With some seven million of Sri Lanka's 16 million people living below the poverty line, Premadasa has set out an ambitious programme to provide up to 1.5 million destitute families with a monthly stipend of Rs 2,500.

Naturally enough this is popular scheme which may have helped him win the presidency and could also enable the UNP, which has ruled since 1977, to retain power next month.

**Deficits**  
The money will not start to flow until April, but this could be an advantage as the programme is bound to disappoint some people hoping for a free ride, although the UNP has made it clear it is "not relief or a handout or a gimmick or a subsidy" but development aid to help people help themselves.

Less clear is how it will be paid for in a country with heavy budget and payments deficits, an inflation rate above 15 per cent and an economy whose mainstays of tea, rubber, coconut products and tourism have all suffered because of the unrest.

## Para-military parades in defiance of Israel

### Palestinian 'popular army' on the march in West Bank

By Paul Taylor

NABLUS, West Bank, (Reuters): Armed with knives, swords and hatchets, their faces masked by chequered headaddresses, the future soldiers of Palestine are on the march.

Activists spearheading a year-old uprising against Israeli occupation have taken to staging para-military parades in defiance of the Army in Nablus' old city and in some remote West Bank villages.

Nationalist leaders say the self-styled Palestine Popular Army is so far more for show than for fighting.

"We hope some day it may be the nucleus of a liberation army but this is a dream," says Nablus businessman said Kanaan, a prominent PLO supporter. "For now it's mainly for propaganda. It raises the morale of the people."

Israeli defence officials say the force's main purpose is to terrorise fellow Palestinians into obeying the dictates of the clandestine

unified leadership of the uprising, backed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

It began last August when hundreds of youths in keffiyeh headaddresses, their clothes covered in black plastic garbage bags, staged a ramshackle march through the Nablus casbah (market).

"It was a really emotional experience to see young people carrying our national colours. People wept in the street," said Umm Jawad, 60, a mother of seven.

Gradually the force assumed real power in the alley-ways of the casbah, where Israeli soldiers are vulnerable to ambushes from Palestinian militants on rooftops, in doorways and around every corner.

"The Army" grew out of the so-called shock committees or striking forces which enforce strikes, clash with troops, attack Arabs accused of collaborating with Israeli secret police and implement orders of clandestine

local popular committees.

"The army is made up of elite guys from the strike forces, whose main job is internal discipline. The army also has a duty of resistance," said Ibrahim, one of its organisers in Nablus.

**Tax**  
Residents say it levies its own "revolutionary" tax of \$25 a month from merchants in exchange for protection from Israeli tax collectors, who are often accompanied by troops.

Twice recently when the Israelis staged tax raids, gangs of young militants rushed into the streets and began stoning the military escort, forcing the officials to retreat.

"The Nablus 'army' has banned the sale of alcohol and drugs in the casbah and helps run a popular justice system that deals with alleged collaborators, thieves, moral delinquents and civil disputes."

Several accused collaborators have been stabbed or beaten to death in Nablus.

The popular courts have filled

a gap left when hundreds of Palestinian policemen resigned from the Israeli police force on orders from the uprising leadership last year, leaving no one to deal with crime and family disputes.

The "army" has also cracked down on prostitution and gambling, residents say. Palestinians involved in the system say respected older nationalist figures serve on panels of three judges.

**Beast**  
Young "soldiers" conduct interrogations, in some cases beat suspects and warn offenders to mend their ways, Ibrahim said.

Sanctions range from private warnings, to public warnings in leaflets and graffiti, to "a whole range of physical punishments against individuals or their property, such as burning the cars or stores of serious offenders," he said.

Nowadays the Nablus "army" sports military-style uniforms, boots and insignia, with units of 15 to 20 "shebabs" (youths) march-

ing behind a commander. In the village of Yatta, near Hebron, a Reuters reporter witnessed one such unit using walkie-talkies to co-ordinate a clash with troops in October.

Israeli troops this month found bundles of black uniforms, swords and flags in a raid on an old bath-house in the casbah, local residents reported.

One day last week, a group of three masked Palestinians in red and green track-suit uniforms — one carrying a megaphone, one an iron bar and one a Palestinian flag — stopped on corners to read the latest proclamations of the local popular committee.

"Cars must not be parked in the casbah. All stalls must be off the streets by 12 noon to respect the commercial strike," the megaphone-man barked.

Most shoppers walked on in seeming indifference, apparently no longer surprised by the sight. Some of the early parades appeared to be staged partly for the benefit of foreign photographers and television crews.

The Israeli Army was so angry at the filming by French television of a march on the day PLO leaders declared a Palestinian state last November that it blew up the home of an Arab accused of organising the event. He has not been tried or convicted of any offence.

**Firearms**  
The popular army does not carry firearms and has not sought mass confrontations with Israeli troops.

Palestine Liberation Organisation leaders say they have placed the "army" under the command of Force-17, a commando force which began as Yasser Arafat's bodyguard.

But while some Palestinians say the West Bank force receives orders from outside, many say it is a much more local, patchy organisation with no central command.

"We're talking about something very fragmentary. We shouldn't exaggerate their role," said Bir Zeit University political scientist Ziad Abu Amer.

## Reagan gets bouquets for detente but brickbats in Third World

By Tony Barber

LONDON, (Reuters): For most of the world, Ronald Reagan's greatest achievement as US President was the new detente which he created with the Soviet Union, symbolised in arms control accords and co-operation to end regional conflicts.

But for many Latin American, Arab and African countries, Reagan's eight years in office which ended yesterday left a legacy of resentment and disillusion that his successor George Bush will have to work hard to dispel.

From Western Europe to East Asia, there was broad agreement that Reagan had succeeded in projecting a new image of American power and self-confidence after the vacillations and setbacks of Jimmy Carter's 1977-81 presidency.

"Few expected Reagan to have such an impact on world events," West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said, reflecting a widely held Western European view that the world had often underestimated the former movie actor's political astuteness.

"The image of American power in retreat was reversed after Reagan took over the presidency," a Philippine Foreign Ministry official said.

For the Soviet Union, whose official media once portrayed Reagan as a reckless cowboy bent on nuclear confrontation, the President leaves office as a man whose increasing realism put US-Soviet relations in their best shape since the mid-1970s.

The central achievements were the December 1987 agreement to abolish the superpowers' intermediate-range nuclear missiles and the co-operation in 1988 which brought accords on conflicts in Afghanistan, the Gulf

and southern Africa. Even NATO countries say much praise goes to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who took office in March 1985 shortly after Reagan began his second term.

But one Atlantic alliance official said: "Reagan has to take some of the credit because one can argue that the Soviet Union would not have changed and begun serious negotiating on arms control if the US and NATO had not maintained their resolve."

For many developing countries, Reagan's impact was far less positive. In Latin America, political analysts say US prestige declined markedly after 1981 and Washington came to be seen as an arrogant giant trampling on national sensitivities.

Latin American leaders criticised Reagan's support for Contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government and his administration's policies on drugs, trade and foreign debt.

For Arab countries, the US decision last month to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation was a belated gesture that did little to "erase the memory of the most pro-Israeli presidency since Israel's foundation in 1948."

Ahmed Beha-Eddin, an Egyptian political commentator, said: "He did nothing positive for the Middle East. The only thing he did was in the past few weeks. After eight years in power, this is a joke."

"Reagan will be remembered for the unlimited support he extended to Israel which led to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, his attacks on Libya and other bad deeds," a Syrian official said.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, told reporters in Tripoli recently: "America has become hated by everyone in the world."

## Bush's stars

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Nancy Reagan's favourite astrologer has some advice for George Bush: beware the sun in Gemini, and never leave home without the Secret Service.

Joan Quigley, a San Francisco astrologer Mrs Reagan consulted from the White House, gave a detailed reading of the new President's chart in an article published in the Washington Post.

She said the stars show Bush could face an assassination attempt.

By W. Dale Nelson

WASHINGTON, (AP): When Ronald Reagan left office last Friday, he took with him a bunch of benefits that go along with becoming a former president.

Reagan will be quite comfortable financially, unlike early presidents such as Thomas Jefferson, who had to sell his books to make ends meet.

Reagan gets two pensions, constant secret service protection, an office allowance and the use of a townhouse in Washington. The government also will pay to ship his papers to California, process them and run his presidential library.

**Protection**  
Reagan already receives a pension of \$29,188 a year from California because of his eight years as state governor. Now, with eight years as president behind him, he will receive a federal pension equal to a cabinet member's annual salary. This is currently \$99,500 but will jump to \$155,000 if Congress approves a salary increase Reagan has recommended.

The secret service protection applies to both the President and his wife, Nancy. Should Reagan die, she would receive lifetime protection unless she remarried.

## Californians out, Texans in

WASHINGTON, (KUNA): During the last few days, the flair and colour of the American capital, Washington, DC has changed dramatically as the Californians moved out and the Texans moved in.

The capital's atmosphere is thick with the Texan accent that George Bush has brought into the capital — and so are the Texan hats, the Texan boots, and the Texan-Mexican food recipes — all with chili peppers — not to

forget the profane Texan jokes.

Texas is all over the country's power centre — four in the cabinet, many in the White House staff, even more running powerful congressional committees. Even Washington's banks are opening up for Texans' oil money and investments. Ironically, born in Milton, Massachusetts and reared in Greenwich, Connecticut, Bush calls Texas home although he has not actual Texas residence, using a Houston hotel as his address.

## Reagan will be quite comfortable financially

The Reagans' children will receive no protection, since they are all adults.

Former Sen. Lawton Chiles, who once waged a campaign to scale back benefits for former presidents, estimated that secret service protection cost \$9.3 million in 1986. This covered former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, but not Richard Nixon, who chose to hire private bodyguards.

**Reserved**  
Although Reagan spoke in his final presidential radio address of going "back to the ranch", he and Nancy actually plan to live in a fashionable Los Angeles neighbourhood and continue to use their 688-acre (278-hectare) ranch as a vacation home. Protecting both places will increase the cost.

Each former president receives an office allowance of up to \$300,000. Reagan already has waiting for him a penthouse suite in Los Angeles, with offices for himself, Nancy, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, the secret service and press aide Mark Weinberg.

The Washington townhouse is reserved for former presidents when they come to town, although they do not always use it.

In addition to the cost of running the library, National Archives spokeswoman Jill Brett said an estimated \$500,000 is set aside for moving Reagan's presidential papers to California and \$1.3 million for renovating and equipping storage room for them.

Reagans' personal finances are hard to measure, since most of his assets are in a blind trust. His latest government financial disclosure form, which discloses assets in broad categories, said only that the trust is worth more than \$250,000. The Reagans bought their ranch for \$526,000 in 1974 and made \$127,000 in improvements eight years later. The new home in Los Angeles was bought for \$2.5 million by friends from whom the Reagans are leasing it for a reportedly \$15,000 a month.

Both of the Reagans plan to write books and make speeches, for which they are expected to command large fees.



By Jim Anderson

WASHINGTON, (UPI): After 6-1/2 years, millions of miles flown and three resignation letters, George Shultz walked out of the State Department for the last time Thursday with tears in his eyes and an arm around his beloved wife.

Shultz — who was awarded the Freedom Medal, the nation's highest civilian decoration earlier in the day by President Reagan — was applauded by some 1,000 State Department employees, some of them weeping openly.

He walked down the marble stairs with his arm around his wife, Obie. Shultz appeared unable to speak for several minutes as his eyes filled with tears. Applause echoed through the huge lobby and a small Marine band played the Marine hymn.

Finally, Shultz, his arm still around his wife, said: "We came as a package deal and we leave as a package."

He said: "There's a wonderful group of people here — able, energetic, hard-working and patriotic. You just knocked yourself out."

**Embraced**  
As Shultz walked through the crowd to the glass doors, he embraced several women whose faces were covered with tears and turned and waved one last time as he climbed into his black limousine. The Marine band broke into "California, Here I Come."

As employees returned to their offices, the building's speaker system broadcast the sound of a tolling bell.

Shultz and his wife are scheduled to take a commercial flight to California on Friday, where he will take a faculty position at Stanford University and become a senior fellow of the Hoover Institute at Palo Alto.

His successor, James Baker, who was recommended for confirmation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday by a unanimous vote, cannot be sworn in until the full Senate confirms him, most likely on Jan 25. Meanwhile, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Michael Armacost is acting

## Shultz walks away with tears in his eyes

secretary of state.

Shultz was named secretary of state in July 1982, ending a tumultuous 18 months of Alexander Haig's tenure as America's chief diplomat. Haig was fired after a series of running battles with White House staff members, including Baker, and his inability to deal effectively with the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

In the following years, Shultz tendered his resignation three times — when national security officials made a trip to the Middle East without his knowledge, to protest mandatory lie detector tests imposed by Attorney General Edwin Meese and when a White House staff member refused him permission to fly to the Middle East aboard a US Air Force plane.

Each time, the resignation was rejected by President Reagan. Once the airplane problem was resolved to his satisfaction, Shultz flew more than a million

miles. He went to the Middle East five times during his last year in office in an unsuccessful attempt to convene an international conference to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict and resolve the Palestinian issue.

Greeted with suspicion by the Israeli lobby in Washington because of his past connections with the Bechtel Group, which did extensive business with the Arab customers, Shultz became — in the words of one Israeli diplomat — "the best friend Israel ever had at the State Department."

But, in his final six weeks, he also established a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, something that was denounced by the Israeli government as a mistake.

In his years at the State Department, he met more than 40 times with Soviet foreign ministers, the last 32 times with Eduard Shevardnadze.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1606 — England's parliament imposes severe penalties against Roman Catholics.
- 1732 — Russia gives up claims to certain Persian territories by treaty of Riaschka.
- 1793 — France's King Louis XVI is beheaded.
- 1919 — Sinn Fein congress in Dublin, Ireland, adopts declaration of independence.
- 1924 — First Nationalist Chinese Congress at Canton admits communists and welcomes Russian advisors.
- 1942 — German forces launch new offensive in western African desert in World War II.
- 1949 — Chiang Kai-Shek resigns China presidency following Nationalist Party reversals.
- 1954 — First atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, is launched in United States.
- 1968 — Britain draws up plans to withdraw its troops from Far East and Gulf.
- 1970 — France's sale of Mirage jet planes to Libya is announced; Iraq foils attempt to overthrow its government and promptly executes 12 men.
- 1974 — United States rejects South Vietnam's request for naval support in fighting with Chinese for Parcel Islands.
- 1986 — Auto packed with explosives blows up near office of President Amin Gemayal's Phalange Party in east Beirut, Lebanon, killing 22 people and wounding 102.
- 1988 — Dozens of Palestinian men emerge from Beirut's war-ravaged refugee camps for the first time in nearly three years, a day after Shiite Muslim militiamen lift a 32-month-old siege.



T'Pau's Carol Decker reveals her secrets

# A burning desire to be different

FIERY rockstar Carol Decker of the group T'Pau has wowed audiences with her latest raunchy single Sex Talk.

But male fans will be disappointed. For the sexy singer-songwriter has revealed in a frank interview that what really turns her on is being on stage.

Relaxing in her dressing room before being summoned for a sound check, she confesses: "I get my sexiness from the buzz of being famous."

"When I'm on stage it's something else. It's exciting, thrilling — and very, very hard work. I really get off on that."

When I met the lissom singer she was preparing for a gig at Telford Ice Rink, near her native Wellington, in Shropshire.

Dressed in black, Carol, with her tumbling red locks, looks every inch the superstar. She has almost reached the end of her fifth British tour, but the pint-sized dynamo with the powerful voice still exudes the same bubbly enthusiasm for performing as she did at the start.

Hanging on the back wall of her small dressing-room are three provocative outfits for that night's show, and in the far corner a table piled high with food and drink. Carol is now used to star treatment, and these days it's usually champagne and caviar in top hotels with room service.

## Glitzy

A small dressing-room at Telford Ice Rink is not quite a room at the Ritz, nor is it a glitzy restaurant in Paris, but it is a world away from the dives she became used to when T'Pau first hit the road in 1986. It also symbolises closeness to home for Carol who misses her family and friends enormously.

She explains: "Since we began touring I've hardly seen my old friends and family. It's just not possible when you're on the road or in the recording studio. They've got to come to me, really, if they want to keep in touch."

Family means a lot to Carol, aged 30, but that does not mean she plans to set up one of her own with Ronnie Rogers, her boyfriend and lead guitarist of T'Pau.

She explains: "I've never given children a thought. I am just not maternal. I suppose I have about

Kids — she doesn't want them. What she does want is to take America by storm. For what really turns her on, she revealed to Ktima Heathcote in an exclusive interview, is to be up there on stage with the buzz of being famous.



Carol Decker and Ronnie Rogers, lead guitarist of T'Pau.

10 years to change my mind. We both love kids...as long as they are other people's.

"Besides, we're really too busy with the band. It's taken over most of our lives and we're quite content to remain like this for the time being."

"The band is like a little family in itself, especially when we're on tour. There is a great camaraderie amongst us. We protect one another. The others, especially, protect me from a lot of things."

## Relationship

Like any family, T'Pau, whose name was inspired by the Vulcan High Priestess in Star Trek, have their squabbles too. "We have been together almost solidly for two years, so you're bound to get on top of each other a little bit."

"But when we do argue it's over silly, petty things," adds Carol. "Sometimes I can be a bitch, but the others realise you have to let off steam. I always apologise afterwards."

I pictured her picking up a plate of food and hurrying it at my head before I asked her how touring has affected her relation-

ship with Ronnie. There were a few seconds of stony silence, but then, thankfully, she smiled and said: "Oh, we've had our ups and downs like any normal couple. We're very happy and we get on well together, but we do have our rows. Yet I don't think touring is any more of a strain than ordinary life."

Carol does not consider being a woman in the fiercely competitive, hard-driven world of rock music is out of the ordinary either. She says: "The music industry attracts all sorts of weird and wonderful people on the fringes of society. I don't think women are any more of a minority group than a gender bender."

"You don't have to be any more determined or any tougher than a man in this business, just peculiar."

And before I even had a chance to open my mouth, she adds: "Yes, I am peculiar. I'm a colourful character and I suppose I'm a bit raunchy. I always have been."

Nursing a hangover while prancing about on stage is not unusual for Carol, the party animal, and definitely no cause

for cancelling a gig or recording session. A few hours before her first London concert this year, a cyst in her eye was lanced by a Harley Street doctor, but the show went on.

She even had flu and bronchitis in the first five weeks of her latest tour. But it seems nothing short of laryngitis, which forced her to cancel earlier this year, would actually make Carol grab the microphone and say "Sorry folks, the show's over."

## Entertaining

Carol says: "There are many times when obviously I don't feel like entertaining people. When I had the flu, I knew I wasn't hitting a few notes and it was very grueling at times, but I didn't give up."

"I used to be paranoid about getting ill because it affects my livelihood but I've learned a lot about myself during this current tour. I know my limits now and I'm not so frightened about becoming ill. I'm not so neurotic about my health."

Flame-haired Carol, who was infamous rather than famous during her rebellious teenage years, seems to be mellowing — but only a little.

She is far more laid back these days, but underneath still lies a fiery temper. While discussing the difference between British and European audiences, her quotes about her hometown of Wellington being "boring" are thrust under her nose. She swears and then reveals that last time this happened she was swamped by hate mail.

Carol explains: "It's true that when I was younger I couldn't wait to get out of Wellington and see the rest of the world."

## Different

"To me it was boring, but that doesn't mean to say the people who stay there are. It's just that I wanted to do something different."

Indeed, her desire to be different and her driving ambition to succeed has put her where she is today — at the top. It is hard to imagine that less than 18 months ago she was still playing in pubs and sleeping in the group's van.

And before T'Pau, she was down on her luck and claiming unemployment money.



Carol Decker of T'Pau: out of the ordinary

She met T'Pau's guitarist Ronnie Rogers, her songwriting partner, early in 1982 while she was in the band the Lazers, a local new wave outfit. It was love at first sight and she convinced Ronnie to join her band. But the group soon split and the couple spent their spare time writing songs while they saved enough money to set up another band.

She says: "I never doubted my or Ronnie's talents but often doubted whether we would get the break. Sometimes I'd get so depressed because record companies would say they were interested and then change their minds."

## Concerts

There were may low points during their struggle for fame and fortune, but soon after enlisting the managerial talents of Chris Cooke and recruiting four other musicians, T'Pau was attracting the attention of Siren Records, who signed them up in 1986.

Now, Carol and T'Pau are sitting pretty and fighting off much more established acts. Their recent success is impressive. Both Heart and Soul and China in your Hand have been massive international hits. Their first album Bridge of Spies has

sold close on half-a-million copies. It has gone gold in many countries and platinum in others.

All five British concerts have been sell-outs and the band has also been a huge success in Europe. Not content to rest on their laurels, Carol and the band will go straight back into the recording studio after their brief break.

Plans for a tour of Poland and Russia are also on the cards but their ultimate goal is to break into the American music scene. She explains: "Heart and Soul was an instant hit in the States but nothing else has really taken off. We would really like to get back there, so we can broaden our base."

"If you can establish yourself in the States, your popularity then spreads to Japan and Australia. You really get to stretch your talents as much as you can. "America is a vast country and you really have to work hard out there. It will be a tremendous challenge when it comes."

And there is no doubt in Carol's mind that she will soon be up there at No. 1 in America, along with T'Pau.

With fire in her eyes she says: "I know what I want, and I know how to get it."

# Phil Collins moves to top spot on US charts

NEW YORK, (AP): Phil Collins took his Two Hearts to the top of the US pop record charts in the United States. The Heart hit hopped up from third on the previous chart.

Taylor Bayne's Don't Rush Me was in second place on the first Cash Box magazine chart of 1989, up from fifth. Def Leppard's Armageddon It jumped from sixth to third.

Every Rose has its Thorn by Poison dipped from number one to sixth, while My Prerogative by Bobby Brown tumbled from second to eighth.

New to 1989's first chart were I Remember Holding You by Boys' Club, up from 12th to 4th Put a Little Love in Your Heart by Annie Lennox and Al Green, up from 13th to 5th Born to be my Baby by Bon Jovi, up from 16th to 9th and When I'm With You by Sheriff, up from 18th to 10th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, Deeper than the Holler by Randy Travis took over the first Cash Box magazine chart for 1989. Highway 101's All the Reasons Why was second, and The Blue Side of Town by Patty Loveless was third.

## Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with previous positions in brackets:

1. (3) Two Hearts — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
2. (5) Don't Rush Me — Taylor Dayne (Arista).
3. (6) Armageddon It — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
4. (12) I Remember Holding You — Boys' Club (MCA).
5. (13) Put a Little Love in Your Heart — Annie Lennox and Al Green (A and M).
6. (1) Every Rose has its Thorn — Poison (Enigma-Capitol).
7. (8) Smooth Criminal — Michael Jackson (Epic).
8. (2) My Prerogative — Bobby Brown (MCA).
9. (16) Born to be my Baby — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
10. (18) When I'm With You — Sheriff (Capitol).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with previous positions in brackets:

1. (8) Deeper than the Holler — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).

2. (7) All the Reasons Why — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

3. (5) The Blue Side of Town — Patty Loveless (MCA).

4. (6) She's Crazy for Leaving — Rodney Crowell (Columbia).

5. (13) Early in the Morning and Late at Night — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).

6. (12) It's Always Gonna Be Someday — Holly Dunn (MTM).

7. (9) Hold On (A Little Longer) — Steve Wariner (MCA).

8. (10) Let's Get Started if we're gonna Break my Heart — The Statler Brothers (Mercury).

9. (14) Burnin' a Hole in my Heart — Skip Ewing (MCA).

10. (15) What I'd Say — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).

In London, Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan of the Australian soap opera Neighbours topped the British pop singles chart for the third straight week with Especially for You.

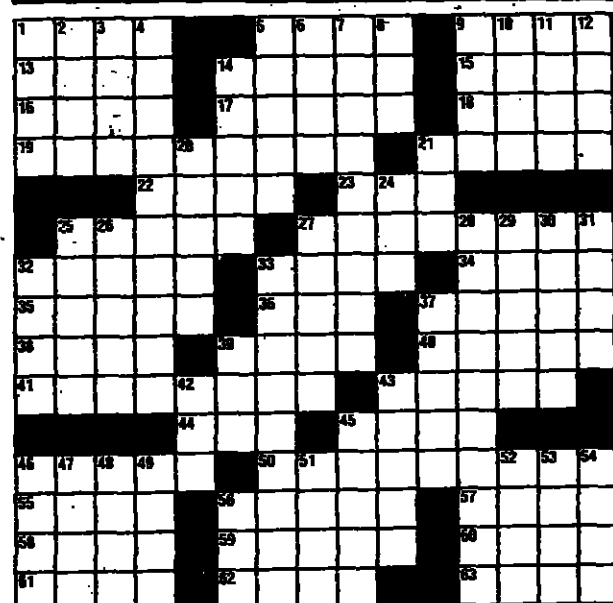
Crackers International by Erasure moved up one notch into second spot.

## Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (1) Especially for You — Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan (PWL).
2. (3) Crackers International — Erasure (Mute).
3. (4) Buffalo Stance — Neneh Cherry (Circa).
4. (2) Good Life — Inner City (10 Records).
5. (-) The Living Years — Mike and the Mechanics (WEA).
6. (7) Baby I Love Your Way — Will to Power (Epic).
7. (10) She Drives me Crazy — Fine Young Cannibals (London).
8. (-) You Got It — Roy Orbison (Virgin).
9. (-) Caddy Toy — Roachford (CBS).
10. (9) Waiting for a Star to Fall — Boy Meets Girl (RCA).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Certain nail
  - 5 Decorous
  - 9 Dress
  - 13 Perry from Pennsylvania
  - 14 Speechify
  - 15 Basso Pirza
  - 16 Commercial premium
  - 17 Baker's —
  - 18 Bright star
  - 19 Cartoon by the Sansons, with "The"
  - 21 Peggy Lee hit
  - 22 Seine feeder
  - 23 Bygone
  - 25 Periods of abstinence
  - 27 Sci-fi hit of 1977
  - 32 Influence illegally
  - 33 Silly goose
  - 34 "— a kick out of you"
  - 35 "Uncle —"
  - 36 Layer
  - 37 A sun screen
  - 38 Ogler
  - 39 Gold medalist Louganis
  - 40 Headlines?
  - 41 Term of address, with "your"
  - 43 Wall hanging
  - 44 Dressing ingredient
  - 45 Mouthward
  - 46 Revel in
  - 50 Cartoon by Hoest, with "The"
  - 55 Letter opener
  - 56 New or Old city of India
  - 57 Dueling weapon
  - 58 Shore bird
  - 59 Rigel's location
  - 60 Wight, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Healing sign
  - 2 Kelly's cartoon
  - 3 Muslim noble
  - 4 Trudeau cartoon
  - 5 Some writing
  - 6 Demolish
  - 7 Stating over
  - 8 Crew
  - 9 A Kelly
  - 10 Russian sea
  - 11 Split
  - 12 Wild hog
  - 14 Bouquets
  - 20 String instruments
  - 21 Supportive
  - 24 Anagram of "tag"
  - 25 Norse love goddess
  - 26 Draw a bead on
  - 27 Employ radar
  - 28 Cartoon by Parker, with
  - 29 Plato's shopping plaza
  - 30 Budget item
  - 31 Jeanne d'Arc et al.
  - 32 Entertainer Jacques
  - 33 Ghost stories, perhaps
  - 37 TV's Winfrey
  - 39 F-J link
  - 42 Asian staple
  - 43 Actor Alan
  - 45 Eight, in Spain
  - 46 Shangri-la
  - 47 Stout's Wolfe
  - 48 Average miss, with 56 Down
  - 49 Pitcher Hershiser
  - 51 Gallimaufry
  - 52 Tudor symbol
  - 53 White or Blue river
  - 54 Bob follower
  - 56 See 48 Down

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CLAP FLAG POA  
SHALE ROLL UNDO  
KAREN INCA ZEAL  
INDECISION ZANE  
ILK CELLOS  
TEMPLE STEVE  
ALAE BAR AMEER  
SKIPT UNE SERVO  
HELPS RTS NAIL  
LARGO LITTLE  
REVERE AIR  
AMEX BAFFLEMENT  
TONI ALIT NICER  
ETAT TULE IRONY  
ELY EIMER GONE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
BLACK DAY FOR ROYALTY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ A Q 7 2  
♥ K Q  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ A K Q 10

**WEST**  
♦ 5 3  
♥ J 9 6 4  
♦ Q J 10 7  
♣ J 9 8

**EAST**  
♦ K  
♥ A 10 8 7 3  
♦ K 9 3  
♣ 6 5 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ J 10 9 8 6 4  
♥ 5 2  
♦ A 6 5  
♣ 7 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Have you watched in wonder as a bridge expert seemingly plucks tricks out of the fresh air, picking off singleton kings as if he were playing with glass cards? There's nothing miraculous about it. There's almost always a simple explanation for what he did.

The auction was routine. North's jump to four spades was not pre-emptive, but showed a very strong hand. With only one ace and no king or queen, even the six-card

spade suit couldn't tempt South to bid on.

West led the queen of diamonds, and the play was over in two shakes of a puppy's tail. Declarer won the ace in hand, led the jack of spades and, when West played low, rose with dummy's ace. When that fetched the king, declarer drew the remaining trump, discarded two diamonds on clubs when the jack in that suit dropped, and conceded only one heart trick.

Now South was a good enough player to know that the percentage play holding ten cards in a suit, missing the king, is to take the finesse. Why, then, did he rise with the ace?

The answer is simple enough—had the spade finesse lost, declarer would have gone down. He would have had to surrender a spade trick, two diamonds and the ace of hearts.

Declarer was not really trying to drop the king of trumps—that was an added bonus. He was simply trying to extract two of the defenders' trumps before tackling clubs. As long as trumps were 2-1, the contract would then have been guaranteed as long as the club break was no worse than 5-2. Declarer would always be able to get rid of at least one diamond loser on a high club.

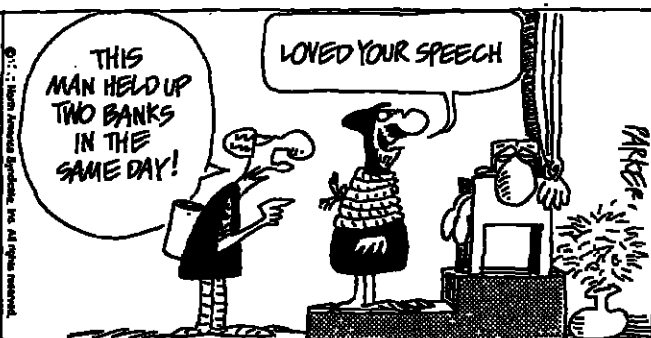
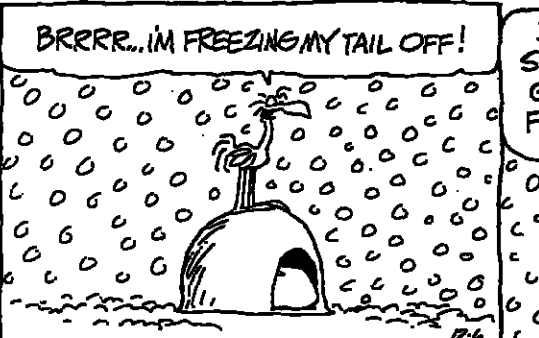


"It's for my mother-in-law. Got anything rabid?"

## THE WIZARD OF ID



## B.C.



## By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have a lot to do but if you rush you will do little well. Allow enough time for traffic holdups. If you listen to others you will get a better idea of what is the right attitude to take. Be cordial.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have a fairly peaceful day, but does not mean just sitting back and doing nothing. You should make sure you get enough rest as well as enough exercise. Do not think you are the only one who knows what is what.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The better influence of the Sun, the Moon and Mercury will help you to feel more sure of yourself. You should not be afraid of doing a little walking. You should make sure your diet is sufficiently varied. Be tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to discover what is essential and to concentrate upon it. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

If you use a bit more common-sense you will be able to tackle a rather unusual situation. There is no need to feel inferior or unsure of yourself. You should try to keep your reactions under control. Be magnanimous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to face up to change. You should not neglect your partner nor your family. Do not take everything quite so seriously. Be alert.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Mercury's better influence will help you to take a more positive approach to matters. Not everything will be easy and you should not try to gloss over the difficulties. Do not think it is too late to learn, only if you do it. Be sensible.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should not expect everything to proceed exactly as you would have liked it to. You will tend to tire rather easily and should ensure you get enough rest.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not just think of the immediate future allowing the longer term to take care of itself. You will be better able to persuade others that your point of view is the right one.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

There will be some ups and downs in your mood and you should do all you can to level out the extremes. Mars' better influence will help you to get a move on.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should not be afraid to make a few changes, but please, no change just for the sake of change. Mercury's better influence will help you to see things more clearly.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. You should make sure you do not, even by accident, give away a secret. Avoid being a spoilsport and you too try to enjoy life to the full. Be tactful.



## Modernisation, nostalgia are common themes

## Arab writers in search of wider audience

By Louis Werner

MOST people wishing to become acquainted with another country may find reading its literature more practical than making the actual journey. But when it comes to the Arab world, a trip to the Middle East may be far less exhausting than trying to find its translated novels and stories in the bookstore.

Modern Arabic literature was slow in getting onto bookshelves even in the Middle East. Caught between a classical heritage that lacked prose fiction genres and the strong influences of Europe, Arab writers had difficulty finding a native voice with contemporary relevance for their readers.

A people with a deep reverence for their religious texts, Arabs were unaccustomed to the idea that what was written could stem purely from man's invention. In some sense, an Arab audience for fiction also needed inventing. The post-war years have seen a great expansion in this audience. Literary magazines and inexpensive paperback novels are sold from street kiosks in every Middle Eastern city. All that remains is for Arab writers to reach more readers in the West.

Donald Herdeck intends to accelerate this process. His small publishing house, Three Continents Press, has expanded from its initial focus on African literature to include fiction and critical studies from the Middle East, Oceania, India, and the Caribbean. Currently, there are 42 titles on its Middle Eastern list.

Image  
Modernization and nostalgia are prominent themes. The confrontation of city and country values sets a pervasive mood of melancholy, the forces of change usually overwhelming the forces of tradition.

A recurrent image is urban penetration into rural life, as roads and river ferries begin to stop in villages wanting to stay untouched. But, however bleak the prospects for retaining one's



Author Naguib Mahfouz, winner of the Nobel prize for literature. His award has sparked an interest in Arab literature.

identity when facing the wrecking ball of modernization, there remains a minority view that the odds against cultural survival are not unbeatable.

In Yahya Haqqi's novella "Good Morning!" a village's residents are painted in chapter-length portraits before and after the building of a new railway station. Before, the narrator had enjoyed their carefree company in the village tavern, as they discussed the ways of the world from the tranquility of their backwater vantage point. A medical problem then forces him to move to the city for a year.

On his return, the train now stops conveniently in the centre of town. The carriage driver is out of work, now having to begin in the mosque, and everyone else

has been closed down by the same newly elected politician who built the station.

The narrator looks on all this with dismay. He knew times would change but never thought his friends could be so transformed. At the end he is left with a greatly shaken certainty in the city itself.

But not all Arab writers seek fruitlessly for pockets of strength and happiness. Whether in the country or in the capital, community survival is not always doomed. Tayeb Salhi's novella "The Wedding of Zein," for instance, presents a view of rural life so resilient it seems capable of withstanding challenge from any quarter.

Zein is an ugly but lovable buffoon touched mysteriously

with God's grace. When his impending marriage to a beautiful girl is announced, the entire village is set astir. Salhi weaves the story of Zein's life forward and backward, touching nearly everyone — elders with whom he constantly disputes over money, social outcasts he befriends, young men he rivals, and all the girls he pursues with mock expressions of love.

Notable episodes of local history, the kind recounted by storytellers to keep their village's memory alive, intermingle with personal memories best kept to oneself. All, however, touch one way or another on Zein; only through his odd behaviour has the village been able to form and maintain its own identity.

When he disappears at his own wedding, his friends think he is up to his old tricks. Finally they find him weeping in the cemetery and think the festivities are finished. Just then Zein rises up shouting, "Make known the good news," and takes his usual place at the centre of attention. In this act of celebration he adds yet more fodder to local lore, making his wedding another epochal moment in village history.

The prolific, Nobel prize-winning Egyptian, Naguib Mahfouz, often examines the way Cairo's poor neighbourhoods maintain their integrity in the face of urban stress. "Fountain and Tomb," his most recent book to appear in English with this theme, won the 1986 Arab League Translation Award.

Here Mahfouz uses very short chapters to build discrete scenes from the bustling life of a Cairene slum near a Sufi monastery. The slum is composed of a network of alleyways with only one exit to the main street, walled off on the other side is Cairo's cemetery, known as the City of the Dead.

Mahfouz's narrator is a young, curious boy, as if to embody the crossroads where such fragile communities, poised between insularity and assimilation, stand. He shifts backward and forward in time, all the while watching this neighbourhood's

village-like charm survive the steamrolling onslaught of modern Cairo.

A loose plot centring on the narrator's coming of age is mixed with vignettes of his good and evil neighbours. The quarter's mysterious visitors, its gangsters and their street punks, loose women, and petty tradesmen all are portrayed in this gallery. Along with the boy, the reader spies on Islamic healing rituals for women, the scheming of underworld gangs, and the political rallies of the Egyptian independence movement.

In the first chapter the boy naps in the monastery's archway and dreams of meeting its reclusive head sheikh, who teaches him a magic phrase. He thinks the invocation has a supernatural power capable of protecting him from harm. This uncertainty between the real and the imagined, the familiarity of his alley versus the mystery of the city and its cemetery, permeates the book.

In the last chapter, the narrator, now a young man, remembers his final, failed attempt to meet the sheikh again. His fascination with the monastery faded long ago. What remains is his neighbourhood's vitality.

It is often said that Cairo is a metropolis made up of villages. Mahfouz finds truth in that bit of wisdom.

Good Morning! and Other Stories by Yahya Haqqi  
Translated by Miriam Cooke. 117 pp. \$10.

The Wedding of Zein and Other Stories by Tayeb Salhi  
Translated by Deays Johnson-Davies. 120 pp. \$7.

Fountain and Tomb by Naguib Mahfouz  
Translated by Soud Sobhi, Essam Fattouh, and James Keneson. 120 pp. \$8.

All titles published by three Continents Press, 1636 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.  
The Christian Science Monitor

By David Holloway

BY the time it comes to celebrate the centenary of most poets, they seem rather remote people whose work belongs mainly to past generations. T.S. Eliot, who was born on 26 September 1888 and died in 1965, is very much the exception. Today he remains a foremost modern poet and someone who is very much part of contemporary life.

One reason for this stems from an accident that Eliot, who was not blessed with a very strong sense of humour, might well have found baffling. It is the phenomenal success of the modern Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Cats based on the verses Eliot wrote during the 1930s in Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats to amuse the children of his fellow directors in the publishing firm, Faber & Faber. "Old Possum," incidentally, was the nickname that his fellow poet, Ezra Pound, coined for Eliot.

A more serious reason for his enduring place in literature is that he was probably the most important poet writing in English in the first half of the 20th century.

The adjective "important" is carefully chosen because it involves no value judgment. It could be argued that Yeats or Pound, Auden or William Carlos Williams were better poets, but none had so profound an effect on the poetry being written in his time.

It is true that Pound pioneered the Modern movement in poetry, but it was Eliot who developed it and, as the most important poetry publisher, allowed it to develop.

It was he who ensured Pound's

## A poet for all seasons



T.S. Eliot: enduring place in literature

work remained in print and brought before a wide public the work of people like W.H. Auden. Stephen Spender and Louis MacNeice.

It was not that he desired to be a leader; he certainly had no ambitions to be one and loathed the sort of poetical politics in which some cliques warred with others.

Sixty-five years ago when The Waste Land, surely Eliot's most enduring and seminal piece of

writing, was first published, the reading public would have been astonished that the shy young man who worked in a bank should become the best known poet of his age, the winner some 25 years later of the Nobel Prize for Literature, and a recipient of the highest honour the British monarchy can bestow without a title — membership of the Order of Merit.

Some critics dismissed The Waste Land as "incomprehensible rubbish," others were respectful though baffled. Indeed, even today, most people find this poetic sequence difficult but intensely stimulating in that it is open to so many interpretations.

Whenever he was asked what The Waste Land meant, Eliot would say that he did not know and that it meant whatever the individual reader thought it did. Certainly the most obvious interpretation and the one that was championed by its first admirers, the young men who had survived the horrors of World War I, is that Eliot had made himself the mouthpiece for all of those who found themselves disillusioned in the wake of "the war to end all wars."

Eliot, whether as a poet or a dramatist, never — certainly after his early success, The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock and Gerontion — yielded up his meanings easily. Indeed Four Quartets, his last major work, must, for all the music of the words, remain one of the most difficult of all poetic sequences. That this should be so would not have worried him, although, almost certainly, he would have regarded this as his fault. He was always his own most severe critic and none of his work ever satisfied him.

## UK authors in uproar as Murdoch buys Collins



Rupert Murdoch: accused of making a quick buck

med after Murdoch first made a hostile bid on Nov 17.

Murdoch commented: "I am very much more interested in the 95 per cent of the authors who did not come out against the bid."

It writers did leave "we will find that other authors will come to us because we will sell more books."

Chapman, 63, said he had received assurance of autonomy and editorial freedom for Collins.

The recommendation to shareholders to accept the deal came after directors rejected a previous

£294 million offer from Murdoch's News International.

Bryan Gould, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, wrote to Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, saying Murdoch's "increasingly dominant position in the British and international media industries" should be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

"This is a man who would put banking in the Bible if he thought there was a quick buck to be made," he added.

## Masterpiece in miniature

By Robert Fox

IRFAN ORGA's Portrait of a Turkish Family is the tale of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire narrated as domestic tragedy.

Orga was born to a wealthy bourgeois Istanbul family at the turn of the century, and through his eyes we see the destruction of his family, his home and his city, and the sultanate and caliphate which framed all three, followed by the plainer style of the Kemalist Turkish state.

The book is a little masterpiece, told with the simplicity and sharpness of line of the miniatures that still adorn the Topkapı Palace: not the least of its pleasures is the writing, as elegant and linear as the finest Ottoman tulip pattern.

We open with scenes of domestic commerce such as the rites of circumcision and the journeys to the hamman (the bath) with the

autocratic grandmother to look over suitable matrimonial flesh for the male heirs of the family.

With the onset of war, the main protagonist of the drama emerges: the author's mother with whose madness and death the book ends. Married at 13, she faces less than 10 years later the loss of her home in one of the great fires of Istanbul and the death of her husband from disease on the way to fight in the Dardanelles; her brother-in-law is blinded in Syria and dies on the way home.

She goes to work in a war supply factory, discards her veil even before the Kemalist revolution, and signs away her two sons to a military orphanage and service for life in the army.

The rigours of such a training account for the coolness and restraint of the narrative, rendering its detail and drama the more vivid. Orga rose to be one of the

first pilots and commanders of Atatürk's Air Force.

He hardly mentions the Ghazi himself, though we are told how everyone loathed wearing bowlers after the fez was abolished. A postscript by his son, however, reveals that he was on intimate terms with the great man — even more so with his adopted daughter.

The chapters of aftermath by Ates Orga hold the hidden genius of this edition — for they show the story of the Orga family in an unexpectedly different perspective, not least in the revelations of his father's life in England and of how the book came to be written. The afterword virtually makes a new book of the original first published in 1950. I will not ruin the surprise effect by revealing the final twist to the plot.

Portrait of a Turkish Family. By Irfan Orga. Eland. £5.95.

## Of big bangs, buppies and bimbos

By Geoffrey Beattie

THIS book arrived just in time. There I was, about to join some followers from Sheffield of the Acid House Cult on a bus run to Manchester.

We were set to travel to Manchester because none of the Sheffield clubs were "swinging," no I'd better try "with it," oh what the heck let's stick to "trendy" enough.

Now the truth is that I don't know a lot about Acid House or even House for that matter except for a smattering that I'd picked up from the Tabloids, which had left me none the wiser. I'd never heard got dressed up in my acid gear, or at least the Sun equivalent, but I obviously still hadn't got it quite right ("rip your jeans for goodness sake" advised one apparently knowledgeable friend) when The Longman Register of New Words plopped on to my doorstep.

Explained  
Now this is not just a dictionary, but a formidable encyclopedia of information about how our culture has changed over the past three years — all big bangs, buppies ("black yuppies") and bimbos (noun, informal — "a person of limited intelligence but high sex appeal" or "a young woman who has an

affair with a public figure and then releases details of it to the press").

Mercifully, it did have a section on acid house noun, which it explained was "a youth cult featuring House pop music and the taking of psychedelic drugs." It quoted two sources — one from the Observer and one appropriately enough from Time Out. The Observer from August 7, 1988 told me that — "As Ecstasy tablets cost £20 and £25 they are too expensive for many of the young 'acid house' adherents who have been using LSD instead." Time Out from August 1988, on the other hand, informed me that "The videos, range from loud, turex pop nonsense... through acid house psychedelia (permanent brain damage anticipated after two minutes) to experimental, Eastern European grumpiness." So, at least, I knew a little of what to expect.

The register helped out with a few of the "in words" as well. "Its music is largely computerised compilation, but its main feature is the taking of drugs, under whose influence devotees (called Ecstasies or Shoomers) dance the night away."

This was what I wanted to know — the basic vocabulary of this strange, foreign culture. "Where's the Shoomers, then?" I

enquired nonchalantly of my guide as we pushed our way through the very hot and very crowded Hacienda club in Manchester. "Pardon?" he replied. "The Shoomers, the Ecstasies, when they will be freaking out, doing their own thing, getting down?" He looked quite bewildered.

"Do you know anything about acid house, at all?" he asked. "Only that it's name comes from 'acid' the slang name for LSD," I replied, again quoting the register. This, however, was met with a huge guffaw of laughter. Probably on Ecstasy, I thought to myself. "Acid house comes from acid trekking where the acid house DJ's sample each other's records," he explained patiently. So it seems that there is some dispute about the origins of this particular term, and that is really the problem with new words in general — everyone can claim to be an authority on them and their origins, because they are not yet established. Is a bimbo really a young woman who has an affair with a public figure and then releases details of it to the press? Is Sara Keays really a bimbo? I don't think so somehow. More a *dumbbo* — a more sophisticated version altogether that blames the other party and never appears to forgive.

Everyone can claim to be an

authority on new words because they are not yet established.

The problem with Sara or rather Cecil coincidentally was that he probably wasn't properly conditioned (which the register tells me means "wearing a condom"). Or perhaps it was a problem of *condom fatigue* ("severe diminution in one's interest in condoms, due to excessive exposure to information or discussion on the subject e.g. during official publicity campaigns about AIDS"). Although the register does not tell us whether condom fatigue applies to those that have to actually use them, as well as just to hear about them.

But then again I don't want to just be an *ambulance chaser* here, you know a person who seeks to profit from others' "misfortunes or disasters" (this particular usage came from that well-known publication, the Roanoke Times and World News).

Included in the register is a form in which to enter new words for the next edition. With any luck *bimbo* will be entered 1989, assuming that the editors at Longman do not judge it to be merely *Obscurano* ("wilfully obscure language intended to conceal or mislead").

The Longman Register of New Words, ed. John Ayto (Longman £10.95)

## Questions for Gorbachev

By K. Thapar

THIS is a very interesting book even if it is also on occasion unreadable. Its principal merit is that as a critique from the left of Gorbachev's changing Soviet Union its argument is fresh, provocative, and even revealing. Its drawback, however, is that its style can be ponderous and its language at times awkward.

Ali's thesis, as his opening sentence puts it, is that "the Soviet Union is once again pregnant with possibilities."

His book is in part a history from the moment of conception, in part a study of the labour pains, and in part an analysis of the birth that is yet to come. More importantly, he clearly likes the baby he thinks he can perceive.

Insights

As an analyst, Ali's strength lies in his insights into the historical ancestry of Gorbachev's thinking.

It is likely that the book will shock, antagonize, and even enrage the leadership in Moscow. After all, as an interpretation of what they are up to by a somewhat eclectic and, at times, even wayward Marxist, it could hardly fail to.

Of course, this is also why, despite the dreadful metaphors, the book is rewarding reading. Ali understands his Soviet Union, he knows its history and politics, he is sympathetic to its aims and struggles, and yet he is still sufficiently objective towards its failures and its pantheon of leaders to provide a sensitive account of what it is all about.

Revolution From Above, Where is the Soviet Union Going? By Tariq Ali. Century Hutchinson, £12.95.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I don't dream very frequently, but my girlfriend does, almost all the time. She claims that her dreams can predict the future and takes them very seriously. Do dreams mean anything at all, and how can you tell?

ANSWER: Through the ages, the images seen in dreams have had almost a mystical attraction for many.

Sigmund Freud, the Austrian psychoanalyst, thought that dreams expressed the wishes and feelings of the unconscious mind and were frequently linked to sexual feelings. Carl Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist and a disciple of Freud's, disagreed and felt that dreams were the result of all the tensions, stresses and frustrations experienced by both the conscious and unconscious.

No one is sure just what dreams mean. I doubt that many scientists believe that they predict the future, and while most agree that there are some meanings hidden in our dreams, the exact significance and purpose of dreams is still unclear.

Many dreams seem to be built of a day's activities and pressure, while others take us back into experiences of the past. Some students of dream interpretation feel that problems may be solved in the world of sleep

## SIGNIFICANCE OF DREAMS UNCLEAR

or that dreams may set the mood for the next day's activity and actions.

Dreams will sometimes explain the cause external noises and disturbances in a fanciful way, to help protect the sleeping mind from awakening. Some dreams, nightmares, are frightening and upsetting. Recurring, regular episodes of frightening dreams may affect our daytime activity to the point where professional help is indicated.

There is much debate about the symbolism in dreams and whether certain objects have specific meanings. Dreams only occur during the REM or rapid eye movement stage of sleep, which has led to the initiation of research into the biological and physiological as well as the psychological aspects of dreaming. Therefore, it may be awhile before I can answer your question as completely as we might both desire.

QUESTION: Although my wife believes that sinus trouble is very much like a common cold, I have always thought that it was a serious disease and that it can easily cause death. Can you offer us some insight?

ANSWER: There is a bit of truth in both positions in this friendly family health discussion. While every common cold does not become a sinus infection, sinusitis is a com-

plication of upper respiratory tract infections in about one per cent of the cases.

When the normal defenses of the sinus breakdown, bacterial and viral infections can penetrate these normally sterile spaces and create quite a problem. The tissue lining the sinus spaces becomes inflamed, producing a thick secretion which may block the normal flow of secretions from the sinus and create painful pressure in the sinus.

As the bacteria continue to grow, this pressure increases and with it, pain and tenderness, fever and purulent (pus) discharge. Since the sinuses lie so close to the brain and other very sensitive nerve structures, any spread through the thin bony walls of a sinus can produce infections of the brain's coverings (the meninges) and to the brain itself.

Fortunately this is a rare occurrence, and generally is not seen in otherwise healthy individuals. Rapid diagnosis has been advanced by using the CT scanner, which can accurately reveal the presence of infection as well as any damage to the sinus walls. Intensive use of antibiotics and surgical drainage can usually control these life endangering complications.

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## ANDY CAPP



By Smith



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Good year is in store for both the economy and market

## Bulls stirring on Wall Street for first time since crash

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): For the first time since the chilling collapse of October 1987, the stock market is showing signs of heating up again.

In yesterday's trading the rally in stock prices that began slowly nine weeks ago and intensified after New Year's closed in on a significant milestone.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials rose 0.36 points to 2,239.11, less than eight points shy of its closing level of 2,246.74 on Oct 16, 1987.

Should it close above that point, it will have recouped all the 508 points it lost on Black Monday, Oct 19 of that year.

"This rally is no flash in the pan," proclaimed William Lefevre, an analyst at Advest Inc., in his latest market com-

mentary. Given a rise in the Dow above 2,247, he said, "a whole new crop of converts from bear to bull will enter the market place with buy orders."

Not everyone on Wall Street is ready to go that far just yet. But most observers concede that stocks are starting to emerge from the long shadow cast by the crash.

Brokerage offices around the country report a smattering of phone calls from investors who shunned stocks all through 1988.

Professional money managers confess to worrying lately not about another bloodbath, but about missing out on a possible rise in the market.

In the chart-conscious world of investing, many eyes have long

been focussed on the open space between the lowest prices on Oct 16, 1987, and the highest ones recorded on the 19th.

When that gap was "filled in" this month as the market rose through those levels, many saw it as a figurative sign of a wound being healed.

**Dramatic** The improvement in the financial mood does not appear to have been inspired by any dramatic shift in the economic news.

In fact, the backdrop has been largely negative — interest rates rising, the trade deficit widening, and worries persisting about a revival of inflation.

To some analysts, however, that makes the rally all the more impressive. If the larger-than-

expected trade deficit reported by the government on Wednesday had been announced six months or a year ago, they say, it would have knocked the market for a loop.

Instead, it barely created a ripple, and the Dow finished the day up 24.11 points.

Traditionally, this kind of behaviour provides evidence that there is very little scared money in the stock market, ready to jump out at the first sign of trouble. In effect, the would-be sellers have already sold.

The rally began in an atmosphere of pervasive pessimism. In early December Investors Intelligence Inc., which tracks sentiment among 130 investment advisory services, classified 55 per cent of them as bearish and

just 21 per cent as bullish.

Those were the most extreme readings, the firm reported, since June of 1982, just a few weeks before the start of a powerful five-year rise in the market.

In theory at least, stock prices move up when the wary are converted to optimists. The current rally certainly began with a large pool of potential recruits.

Though the mood has changed since then, Investors Intelligence says, its indicators remain positive for continued gains.

To some observers, the rally is not a happy development, but quite possibly a trap for the unwary.

"The stock market has cleared its first hurdle of 1989," say analysts at Wright Investors' Service in Bridgeport, Connec-

ticut. "But there will be 11 more monthly employment reports and other 'critical' economic statistics through the year to challenge the strength and conviction of the market rally."

The optimists, though, think investors have at last begun to recognise the impressive performance of the economy since Black Monday.

Norman Fosback, editor of the investment advisory letter Market Logic, maintains that a good year is in store for both the economy and the market.

"While the stock market could experience a moderate-sized correction along the way — most years get at least one — the major trend is up," Fosback says. "As for a crash, well, forget it."

## Gas reserves in five GCC countries up by 12pc

GENEVA, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Proven natural gas reserves in five member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) reached 13.88 trillion cu metres, 12 per cent of the world total, at the end of 1987, according to a United Nations report.

The UN Economic Council for Europe (UNECE) said the United Arab Emirates topped the list, with 5.19 trillion cu metres, followed by Qatar (4.44 trillion), Saudi Arabia (2.84 trillion), Kuwait (1.20 trillion) and Bahrain (198 billion).

The report was prepared by the UNECE gas committee, a group of specialists from East and West Europe and North America, which met here this week to discuss medium and long-term prospects for natural gas in the world energy mix.

Since 1970, the world natural gas reserves have increased from 40 trillion to 110.68 trillion cu metres, with the Soviet Union topping the list with 41.70 trillion cu metres.

World gas reserves increased from 16.8 per cent in 1970 to 27.3 per cent in 1987.

## Kuwait's oil output within its OPEC quota: Sheikh Ali

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (Reuters): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa said yesterday his country's oil output was within its OPEC quota of 1.637 million barrels daily set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"Kuwait's production is within the quota. There has never been any question about that," he told Reuters. OPEC has sharply cut back oil production since Jan 1 when it began implementing a new pact to boost world oil prices by holding overall output by member states to 18.5 million barrels daily for the first six months of this year.

**Production** Sheikh Ali declined to give Kuwait's production in December, but industry sources estimated it at 1.7 million barrels daily.

At the end of last November, after OPEC's last conference, Sheikh Ali said Kuwait's output at the time was around two million barrels daily.

Oil industry sources say the pact is being respected with only some exceptions, and prices have rallied to 14-month highs, nearing OPEC's target of \$18 a barrel.

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait would continue to respect its quota as long as other OPEC members did. "We will maintain that (quota level) as long as everyone maintains that."

On European spot markets on Thursday, North Sea Brent crude was priced at \$18.15/30 a barrel, while Dubai crude, considered a Middle East benchmark, was put at \$15.70.

## UK firm wins contract

LONDON, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Iraq has awarded a \$288 million contract to Babcock Energy, a British company, to supply equipment for the Anbar thermal power station in western Iraq.

Babcock Energy, a Scottish subsidiary of the electrical engineering firm, FKI Babcock, won the contract to supply boilers and ancillary equipment to the power station.

## US set to press Western allies for a major new initiative

## Third World debt and dollar will dominate G-7 talks

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The United States is set to press its Western allies for a major new initiative next month to tackle the \$1.2-trillion Third World debt crisis, European monetary sources said yesterday.

But European governments and Japan, concerned that the outgoing Reagan administration has failed to tackle Washington's home-grown debt problem, will want to know first how the new Bush team plans to cut the nation's huge budget deficit.

The Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations, co-ordinating policies closely since 1985, now appear agreed on the need to meet after today's swearing-in of President-elect George Bush.

That had by no means been taken for granted at the turn of the year, with Britain arguing that a meeting could raise false expectations on currency markets and be counter-productive.

**Rally** But the dollar's New Year rally, powering it to three-month highs against the mark, has revealed policy differences and increased pressure for talks before a routine meeting in April.

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being panicked into a meeting," said Giles Keating, chief economist at Credit Suisse First Boston in London. "But you could argue in the current climate holding a meeting could in itself stem the dollar's rise."

Evidence is growing that senior monetary officials will meet in Switzerland soon to thrash out an agenda for a Washington meeting probably during the first or second weekend in February.

**Symposium** The seven powers, the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy, have put on a public display of unity to intervene on currency markets to sell the dollar.

But economists say finance ministers and central bank governors know that such action can only have a temporary effect and they now need to reassess their policy co-ordination.

The groundwork could be laid in Switzerland over the next days as senior political and financial figures converge on the secluded ski resort of Davos, monetary sources said.

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## Consumption expected to rise

## US to import more oil from OPEC producers

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (Reuters): The United States, faced with mounting demand for oil while domestic production dwindles, will boost imports from OPEC producers by about 500,000 barrels a day in 1989 and again in 1990, according to US oil analysts.

The rise means heavier US dependence on Mideast imports, heightening concerns of a supply disruption in the 1990s, they said.

"Almost all of the increase will come from the Mideast," said Adam Sieminski, analyst with County Natwest-Washington Analysis Corp.

In 1989 the United States will import about 40 per cent of its total oil needs, up from 37 per cent in 1988, according to statistics from the Department of Energy.

US consumption is expected to rise about one per cent in 1989 over the previous year, while output falls at more than twice that rate, say analysts. If the trends continue, the United States will import more than 50 per cent of its oil needs by the mid-1990s.

Low oil prices and the expensive costs of finding oil in the well-explored United States have caused domestic production to falter. Last year US oil wells pumped an average of 8.1 million barrels per day, down from an all-time high of 9.6 million BPD in 1970.

"Right now it's not a clear and present danger, but it is a sobering situation, and the problem of rising dependence on Mideast oil will probably accelerate," said Sieminski. "If it continues along the same path, we will increase the possibility of supply disruptions."

Most of the US imports come from Arab members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

For the first 10 months of 1988, oil from Arab members of OPEC accounted for 29 per cent of US net oil imports, up from 22 per cent in 1987, according to figures provided by the Department of Energy.

Imports from the Gulf, which

tripled in 1986 when oil prices tumbled, will make up the bulk of any future increase in total US oil imports because that region has few production constraints and can easily raise exports when demand picks up, industry experts said.

"Increasing reliance on OPEC oil — particularly from the Middle East — strengthens the relative power of these countries to control world oil prices," the American Petroleum Institute said in a recent paper on energy security.

"The history of the last 15 years suggests that price shocks and supply interruptions are increasingly probable as demand rises relatively to supply," the paper said.

**Forced** As demand for oil picks up, consuming nations will be forced to turn to the Mideast because it has about 75 per cent of total surplus production capacity and 70 per cent of non-communist oil reserves, US oil analysts said.

"The Mideast can produce oil at a much lower price than we

can," said Sarah Emerson, an analyst with Energy Security Analysis Inc. "Other countries (that we import from) like Venezuela have some production constraints."

As long as world prices remain below 1985 levels of \$25 to \$30 a barrel, US imports will grow, analysts said.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the US benchmark grade of crude oil, West Texas Intermediate, has been trading in a range of \$17 to \$19 a barrel this month. Early on Wednesday it was trading just above \$19 on the futures market.

The Commerce Department recently concluded that falling US production, rising imports and growing non-communist world dependence on potentially insecure sources of supply raised concerns about vulnerability to a major oil supply disruption.

Despite the finding, President Reagan, on the recommendation of the secretary of commerce, said no action should be taken to adjust US oil imports.

## Arab banks to offset impact of European single market

ABU DHABI, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Arab banks are currently implementing a policy aimed at controlling stocks in European financial institutions and establishing ventures in Europe to offset the impact of the single European market expected to come into being by 1992, according to a study released in London.

The study, prepared by the London-based Arab Banking Corporation, says the policy stems from a fear among Arab banks that they will not be able to compete with European financial institutions when the single market becomes a reality.

Noting similar concern among Arab trade circles, the report says this is mainly due to the possibility that member countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) will be able to impose protectionist measures against the outside world once the single market comes into being.

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## Moscow to send observers to London oil talks

MOSCOW, Jan 20, (Reuters): The Soviet Union said today it would send observers to forthcoming talks between OPEC and several oil producers from outside the group who are to discuss co-operation on curbing output so as to buoy prices.

The Soviet Union, the largest producer and a substantial exporter, has not participated in past talks arranged by the 13 OPEC nations in their effort to achieve a more broad-based management of the world oil market.

The announcement that Moscow would send observers to the January 26 London talks was made during a visit by Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari of Oman, who met Soviet officials. Oman is not in OPEC but has close links with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab OPEC heavyweights.

"The Soviet side said the USSR intended to send its representatives to the London meeting as an observer," Tass news agency said. It gave no further details.

Eight non-OPEC countries have already agreed to send experts to meet six OPEC officials in London. Those talks are intended to prepare for a min-

isterial meeting between the two sides.

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## World Business Summary

### Egypt rejects demands for higher interest rates

CAIRO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Egypt wants a deal with the International Monetary Fund and fresh debt rescheduling with Western governments but rejects IMF demands for a big rise in domestic interest rates, a top official said. Osama El Baz, political adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, said nearly doubling interest rates from 13 or 14 per cent to 25 per cent, as demanded by the fund, would fuel inflation and cut investment. Baz's comments, in an interview published on Friday by the French-language daily Journal d'Egypte, came as Cairo prepared for more talks on an IMF standby credits accord vital to underpin fresh debt rescheduling. He said Egypt would not oppose a rise of one or two per cent in interest rates but rejected a hike to 25 per cent. "This did not mean, however, that it was against all co-operation. It's in our interests to conclude a debt rescheduling agreement for 1989 ... with creditor countries," he said. Egypt's foreign debt, mainly to governments in the informal Paris Club of Western creditors, totals more than \$43 billion. Cairo's plan to reschedule about \$4 billion in repayments in the fiscal year which started last July hinges on an IMF agreement. Government ministers say they expect a deal by April despite differences with the fund on interest rates and other issues including the pace of steps Egypt should take to cut its budget deficit.

### Japan seeks to allay fears of higher interest rates

TOKYO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Japan sought today to allay fears that it would follow European nations in raising interest rates, but financial markets were not convinced. "Japanese monetary policy will not be affected by the rise in West German interest rates," Finance Minister Tatsu Muroyama told reporters. West Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands all announced increases in interest rates yesterday in what was seen as a co-ordinated move to combat inflation and rein in the surging dollar. The European rate increases, the second round in the last month, immediately sparked speculation that Japan would follow suit. Although Tokyo is unlikely to hike its key discount rate out of fear of provoking criticism from abroad, it may quietly try to nudge short-term money market interest rates higher in the next month or so, traders said. Rising oil prices, a stronger dollar and the threat of stepped-up wage demands here all point in the direction of higher interest rates in Japan, they said. Although the Bank of Japan acted to dampen such fears through its actions in the money market today, the markets were not impressed. Fears of higher rates pushed Tokyo stocks 141.02 points lower to a closing 31,170.38.

### Slumping exports may portend slower US economic growth

WASHINGTON, Jan 20, (Reuters): A decline in monthly US exports since September, a key reason for November's wide trade gap, suggests that economic growth in late 1988 will be slower than expected, economists say. With exports slipping for two consecutive months from September's record \$27.99 billion, economists said America's export boom is fading. "Clearly, it's consistent with other data that show that the improvement in the trade deficit has stopped," said Lawrence Chinn, chairman of the WEEFA Group, an economic forecasting firm. Exports, a driving force in US economic growth for more than a year, fell 2.3 per cent in November to \$27.18 billion while imports rose 4.2 per cent to a near record \$39.69 billion, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. The bloated November trade gap, which jumped 22 per cent to \$12.51 billion from October's \$10.26 billion shortfall, was a stark reminder for President-elect Bush just before his inauguration today of the magnitude of the country's economic problems, mainly its twin deficits in trade and the federal budget. Since exports are one of the components used to calculate the country's gross national product (GNP), economists said economic growth in the October-December fourth quarter will be smaller than previously expected. The positive side of slower growth is that it would ease inflationary pressure, a chief concern in financial markets and at the Federal Reserve Board, which has been propping up interest rates in an effort to dampen inflation.

### Jordan tells Gulf banks to arrange \$150 million loan

MANAMA, Jan 20, (AP): Jordan has asked three Gulf banks to arrange on its behalf a \$150-million dual currency loan, the Gulf International Bank said on Wednesday. The Bahrain-based GIB, owned by the seven Arab governments of the Gulf, is in charge of syndicating the medium-term loan, the announcement said. The other two banks, also based in Bahrain, are the Arab Bank Ltd and the Arab Banking Corporation. The first is a Bahraini commercial bank and ABC has Bahrain, Kuwait, Libyan and United Arab Emirates holdings. The GIB started the syndication on Jan 15, and the signing of the loan agreement was expected to take place in the late February, it said. The GIB did not say in which two currencies the loan would be made. Jordan is on close terms with the Gulf countries who for years have been major financial beneficiaries of the Hashemite kingdom. Jordan recently devalued the dinar, trimmed spending on development projects and curtailed imports as part of efforts to confront a major economic crisis. Premier Zaid Rifai said recently Jordan is paying "close to \$900 million a year" to pay back loans.

### Poland to import oil from Iran

WARSAW, Jan 20, (Reuters): Iran has agreed to export about one million tonnes of crude oil to Poland, Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said yesterday. Mousavi told a news conference that Poland would increase heavy machinery exports to Iran but gave no further details of the agreement reached during a four-day visit to Poland. Details would be worked out by a joint Iranian-Polish commission within about a month, he said. He declined to say if Poland would receive the oil this year or over a longer period and gave no details of plans for annual exports to Warsaw. Poland's industry ministry declined comment on the agreement. The Polish government daily Rzeczpospolita said before the visit that Poland would be looking to import about one million tonnes of oil from Iran each year. Poland does not publish figures for crude oil imports from Iran but in 1987 it bought only 579,000 tonnes of crude oil from all countries dealing in hard currencies. Poland plans to boost oil imports from Iraq this year to 1.3 million tonnes and wants to import a total of about 2.6 million tonnes from countries outside the communist bloc — at least four times more than in 1988. Poland relies on the Soviet Union for the rest of its oil imports, which totalled 14.2 million tonnes in 1987.

### UK jobless rate falls to 8-year low

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The number of people without jobs in Britain fell in December to its lowest for nearly eight years, the government said yesterday. Seasonally adjusted unemployment was down to 2.04 million or 7.2 per cent of the workforce last month from 2.1 million or 7.5 per cent in November. At the same time, the Employment Department said average earnings in November rose by a lower-than-expected 8.75 per cent from nine per cent in October. Economists said the slowdown in pay rises was an encouraging sign for Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson in his fight to contain inflation. Bob Semple, an economist at brokers county Natwest Woodman, said: "Clearly the figures are to be welcomed." He noted the data followed retail sales figures for December issued on Monday which pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand. The government also announced a surprise 0.1 per cent fall in industrial output in November, while the market had expected a 0.3 per cent rise after October's 0.5 per cent rise.



CO	66/7	66/6
EN	0	15/1
AIR	46/0	46/1
DE	41/4	41/6

56/2	SA STR PAC	19/1	19/1
23/6	SHRST RUTT	19/7	19/7
15/7	SHELL TRAM	38/3	37/7
27/16	SHER PLOU	57/6	58/0
35/5	SMITH INT	9/3	9/3
34/1	SMITHK BCC	51/3	51/5
0	SNAP ON TL	36/3	36/1
0	SOURCE CAP	37/5	37/6
9/7	SOUTHERN	23/5	23/5
29/5	SPAIN FUND	10/6	10/6
18/7	SPIERRY D	0	9/5
12/1	STONE CONT	49/2	49/3
0/6	SUN CO	34/0	34/1
26/2	SUN CO	32/5	32/6
50/1	SUNSTRAND	53/1	53/2
40/5	SUNSH MIN	3/3	3/3
46/2	SUPER VAL	26/7	26/0
13	SOUTHWEST	22/0	22/0
26/4	SN GAS	18/3	18/3
15/5	SHELL	42/0	42/0
31/2	TDK	72/2	72/5
9/2	TECO-ENERG	23/3	23/2
19/2	TEKTRONIX	21/7	22/1
19/0	TELEPHONE	342/1	343/1
0	TELEPHONIC	25/1	25/1
4/6	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
16/5	TERADYNE	12/6	12/6
3/2	TESORO PET	12/6	12/5
6/0	TEX AMER B	.09	.09
5/6	TEX GAS TR	45/5	45/5
14/4	TEXACO	54/6	54/6
8/7	TEXAS IND	34/0	33/7
4/0	TEXAS INST	42/0	42/0
0	TEKTRON	26/5	27/0
0	THOMPS MED	0	22/3
1/6	TIDEMATER	8/6	8/6
4/5	TIME INTL	20/1	20/1
103/2	TIMEX	35/5	35/5
37/0	TORCHMARK	31/7	31/7
40/2	TOSCO	3/6	3/6
20/1	TOTS R US	37/7	37/7
58/5	TRANSMER	34/1	34/0
18/6	TRANSCO EN	36/7	37/0
1/2	TRANSCO EX	6/5	6/6
15/4	TRAVELLERS	35/3	35/4
5/7	TRINITY INT	34/0	34/2
3/4	TV CORP	26/5	26/5
8/4	TYCO LABS	33/3	33/3
29/7	UAL CORP	114/5	114/5
2/2	UAL BRAND	15/7	15/5
1/3	UAL TECH	42/5	42/6
19/1	UNILEVER	60/0	60/1
3/2	UNION CAMP	35/3	35/4
0	UNION CARB	27/5	27/4
8/7	US SHOE	25/7	25/7
8/5	USX CP	31/5	31/6
1/1	US WEST	58/3	58/3
5/6	US AIR CP	37/3	37/1
18/2	VALERO EN	9/7	9/7
4/4	VALLEY IND	2/0	2/0
8/5	VARCO INTL	3/5	3/5
8/7	VARIAN ASS	28/3	28/5

PLC LARRY	54/5	54/2	market little changed on inauguration day. Many investors had pulled back to await the inauguration address and possible mention of economic problems such as the budget deficit and unfavourable balance of trade, brokers said.
FORD MOTOR	52/4	52/6	The Dow 30 hovered around its closing level yesterday at 2239 and a few more issues showed losses than gains.
FORD MHL	14/7	15/0	Prudential-Bache analyst Larry Wachtel said the closing of government offices would keep trading quiet. "The market was tired yesterday and we will probably have another day like that today. Stocks are digesting their earlier gains."
FRCHLD LND	16/2	16/2	
FREE MC OG	4/6	4/6	
FST BAHK	19/7	20/0	
FST CHICAG	32/4	32/5	
FST INTERS	46/4	46/3	
FST MHSIP	17/5	17/4	
GAF CORP	48/6	48/7	
GANNETT CO	36/6	37/0	
GALVESTON	0	2/2	
GATX CORP	58/6	59/0	
GCA CP	0	5/2	
GEN DATA	4/7	5/0	

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Gold prices slightly firmer

# Central banks drive the dollar down

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Central Banks hit the dollar with a second straight day of major open market intervention today and seemed to have checked its vigorous New Year rally.

This had threatened to pump up many nations' import bills and give a new twist to their inflation.

Speculators still fancied the dollar today, chiefly because of high US interest rates. But eight of the industrial nations' central banks came back again to sell it.

"The central banks have sent us a very clear message," said one Frankfurt dealer. "I don't think there is anybody out there now that feels like taking the dollar over 1.85 marks."

It ended in Europe at 1.8430 Deutsche marks, down from yesterday's closing 1.8655 and sharply off the 3-1/2 months highs above 1.87 marks to which it had soared earlier yesterday before the showdown with the central banks began.

The dollar closed at 128.32 yen, down from 129.45.

Today's new intervention, after sales of up to a billion dollars yesterday by 10 central banks and also a round of European interest rate rises, sent some speculators to cash in gains from the two-week rally and flee to other currencies.

The central banks of the United States, West Germany, France, Britain, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and Italy sold dollars today.

## Trend

The gold price closed slightly firmer in London at \$405 an ounce. Oil prices were a shade easier with North Sea Brent crude quoted at \$16.90 a barrel for March loading, down from 17.15.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was trading in London at 101-13/32 per cent, yielding 8.86 per cent.

Stock markets around the globe showed no clear trend with

their New Year rally apparently slowing, at least for now.

Reacting to higher inflation and the strong dollar, West Germany, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Austria announced interest rate rises yesterday. Belgium has now also raised its discount rate.

The Nikkei stocks average in Tokyo dropped 141.02 points to 31,170.38 today as investors worried that interest rates might also rise in Japan.

Wall Street at New York's midday was subdued on George Bush's inauguration day and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up just 1.60 points to 2,240.71. Prudential-Bache analyst Larry Wachtel said: "Stocks are digesting their earlier gains."

In London, equities stood mixed but with a slightly firmer bias in late trading with a lacklustre trend on Wall Street providing little fresh incentive, dealers said.

Although prices have moved

narrowly today, volume has again been high with over 690 million leading shares changing hands by 1500 GMT. "High volume but little price movement is a sure sign that there has been some consolidation," one trader said.

At 1547 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 5.8 points up at a high of 1,916.6 after a low of 1,903.9 at 1002 GMT.

## High

Traders said today's high volume was underpinned by buy programmes, with a net \$30 million buy from a leading agency broker said to have been executed. However, traders were unable to pin down just which agency broker had bought the shares.

Reuters, the financial information and news group, rallied strongly to stand 31p higher at 609 against the background of strong demand for its ADRs both in London and New York. One trader said ADR market-

makers in the US were caught short of stock when a big buyer emerged, and UK brokers were buying ADRs here to supply the short US houses. Hence the sharp rise in the underlying share prices.

## Price

Asked about the Reuters share price rise, a company spokesman said there are no fresh corporate developments and the buying appeared to be largely US inspired.

Oil group Ultramar renewed its upward move with a net 15p gain to 319 as rumours persisted that New Zealand businessman Sir Ron Brierley was looking to sell his 14.1 per cent stake. Other oils were mostly firmer despite easier crude prices.

Property group Hammerson 'A' shares sank 37p to 826 while Ordinaries dipped 33p to 896 after the failure of the Rodamco bid. Analysts said the shares could fall further as the market unwinds positions to reflect the removal of the bid premium.



Japanese farmers' representatives watch Tokyo money brokers in trading action at the core of their country's foreign exchange movement in Tokyo on Thursday. The dollar climbed to 128.20 yen at the close, above 129 yen for the first time since Oct 1988. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Move poses a major dilemma for policy-makers

# Europe raises interest rates again

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): European nations raised interest rates for the second time in a month yesterday but failed to dent bullish sentiment for the dollar, posing a major dilemma for the industrial world's policy-makers.

A co-ordinated round of rate rises in Europe was backed up with heavy sales of the US currency by central banks but economists said neither weapon appeared to have impressed the foreign exchange market and the dollar remained strong.

Pressure Failure to stop the currency's New Year rally is likely to put more pressure on the United States to tackle its huge budget deficit at a meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations expected to take place in Washington in two weeks' time.

"Business confidence and the stock markets have stood up to interest rate rises in Europe well so far," said Richard Reid, chief

European economist at a brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

"But there is a limit and we now run the danger of becoming locked into a competitive round of rate rises."

The G-7 — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — are likely to meet in Washington on Feb 3 to discuss co-ordination of economic policy with President George Bush's new team.

But far from being a routine "get-to-know-you" session, finance ministers and central bank governors face a dilemma of how to stop the dollar now their two main policy tools, currency intervention and interest rates, appear not to have worked.

Stemming The round of European rate rises, one month after an earlier tightening of policy, was aimed at stemming the dollar's rise and heading off inflation generated by higher import prices.

The Swiss National Bank

moved first yesterday, raising its key discount and Lombard rates by half a point to four and six per cent respectively and taking the unusual step of leading the West German Bundesbank by some four hours.

But economists said the drive for tighter policy still came principally from the Bundesbank which also pushed its two similar rates up half a percentage point to the same level.

Narrow European monetary sources said the European move, which excluded Britain, was closely co-ordinated. Rates were also raised in Austria, France and the Netherlands, while the Belgian national bank said it might follow suit today.

"The Bundesbank is the driving force behind this," said Reid. "There is no doubt about it."

In theory, a rise in European rates should narrow the gap with higher levels of interest in the United States and make the

dollar less attractive to investors or speculators.

But the US currency, which has soared to 31-1/2 month highs against the West German currency, dipped only briefly despite the rate rises and a wave of central bank selling. It recovered in the late European afternoon to trade around 1.8650 marks.

The Group of Seven is widely believed to have set an upper limit on the dollar of about 1.90 marks, meaning policy-makers face a series of tough options if the currency remains strong.

Ideally, bullish sentiment might be dented if the new Bush administration tackled the US budget deficit decisively.

That, economists argue, could choke off excess domestic demand in the American economy, dampen inflation fears and allow a reduction in US interest rates.

Jim O'Neill, economist at Swiss Bank Corp Investment

Banking Ltd in London, said he expected the US Federal Reserve, the central bank, might now decide it had to ease its policy a notch in coming days to cut away some support from the dollar.

"The Fed could decide to ease up a little," he said.

Richard Darman, due to take office as US budget director today, hinted along the same lines in Washington, saying that eliminating the deficit should lower interest rates. But he added the size of decline was difficult to forecast.

Economists said the European rate rise could sour the atmosphere at Group of Seven talks, with the Bundesbank clearly showing now that it would not tolerate a higher dollar.

The central bank's move also seemed to fly in the face of the Bonn Finance Ministry which had been arguing against a rise in West German rates on political grounds, economists said.

## French Finance Ministry aide resigns over insider scandal

PARIS, Jan 20, (Reuters): A top French civil servant who has become embroiled in an insider share trading scandal resigned today and will go to court to defend his name, the Finance Ministry said.

Alain Boubill, senior adviser to Finance Minister Pierre Berezgouy, had been under mounting pressure to resign over the controversial takeover of a US firm, Triangle Industries Inc., by the state-owned French Pechiney Group.

Berezgouy, who met his closest aide privately just before news of the resignation, had already signalled clearly that Boubill had little choice.

"He must be able to speak publicly which in his present function is not easy for him to do. He is the victim of a campaign of rumours," the minister told the French radio station Europe 1 in an interview early today.

French officials are forbidden from making public statements. By resigning, Boubill, who has so far stayed silent throughout the

Pechiney affair, will be able to answer his critics.

Boubill, 42, was among several people, including a friend of President Francois Mitterrand, said by the French press to be under investigation over the Pechiney affair.

The scandal broke after the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reported unusual buying in Triangle shares just before the \$1.26-billion takeover last November.

Inquiry French authorities have opened their own inquiry.

Berezgouy, answering speculation that members of his team might have profited from inside information, said he was surrounded by honest men.

"I have resigned in order to reply to my accusers and to sue those who have defamed me," Boubill told Antenne 2 television news. He said if he remained silent any longer he would be giving credit to calumny.

The French Stock Exchange's regulatory watchdog, the COB, is investigating possible insider

trading involving 220,000 Triangle shares bought just before the official announcement on Nov 21 of aluminium group Pechiney's successful bid.

Triangle shares were languishing around \$10 each before the takeover but the French company paid \$36 for the stock.

## Maximise

France's conservative opposition has pounced on the attempt to maximise the socialist government's discomfort.

Alain Juppé, secretary-general of the neo-Gaullist RPR Party, accused the government yesterday of attempting a cover-up. Share-dealing scandals were damaging France's standing in the world, he said.

But Berezgouy pledged again before Boubill's resignation that the COB, whose powers he said he wanted strengthened, would have a completely free hand in its investigation.

"If any wrongs have been committed, they must be severely punished," Berezgouy said yesterday.

## VW Hanover plant begins pick-up truck production

TOYOTA CITY, Japan Jan 20, At a ceremony held on January 10, in the Federal Republic of Germany, Toyota Motor Corporation and Volkswagen AG (VW) marked the completion of their first jointly produced pick-up truck.

The trucks are being built at VW's Hanover plant and will be marketed in Europe through the two companies' separate, local dealer networks.

Under an agreement signed in June of 1987, Volkswagen will build 15,000 units annually of the Toyota-designed, one-ton Hilux 4x2 pick-up. Volkswagen will receive two-thirds of that production and will market the vehicles under the name Taro.

## Production

Production for 1989 is scheduled to reach 7,500 units and have a local content ratio of about 40 per cent. At full production in 1990, however, the local content of the vehicles is slated to exceed 60 per cent.

The market for one-ton pickups in Europe is a relatively small one, with total sales in 1988 reaching about 68,000 units, mainly in the commercial segment.

Steady growth, however, is anticipated in the future as demand gradually increases among private buyers as well. The ceremony was attended by the government officials, Volkswagen Chairman Dr Carl Hahn and Toyota executive vice-president Tatsuro Toyoda.

## Gas plant commissioned

LAGOS, Jan 20, (OPECNA): President Ibrahim Babangida yesterday commissioned a \$56 million gas plant with the pledge that another \$300 million would be invested in the gas industry in the next five years.

Jointly owned by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) — 80 per cent — and Shell, the plant is capable of processing 270 million cu. ft. of natural gas daily roughly equal to 49,000 BPD of oil.

The plant, built near NNPC's Warri refinery, will supply high-quality gas through NNPC's 355 km Escravos-Lagos pipeline to the National Power Authority's Egbin station near the capital.

## Survey

The President said a recent survey had confirmed that between 1989 and 1993, domestic gas demand would be between 320,000 million cu ft and 630,000 million cu ft.

## GIC chief sees modest growth in Gulf economies

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (Reuters): A top Gulf banker predicted that higher world oil prices and the Iran-Iraq ceasefire might induce a modest upturn in the economies of the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states this year.

But Khaled Al Fayez, chief executive officer of the Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC), told Reuters that financing problems were hindering reconstruction of war damage in Iran and Iraq, widely seen as the key to any broad economic recovery.

"The means of finding finance for this reconstruction has to be found somehow before a major impact on the activities of (Gulf) trading or investment companies should appear," he said in an interview.

## Hopes

The end of eight years of fighting last August raised hopes of an economic boom in the Gulf as Iran and Iraq rebuilt their economic infrastructures. But it later became clear they were far from reaching a full peace settlement.

"There has been a return to a more realistic acceptance that although the war is over it's going to take some time to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," Fayez said.

He said efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to boost oil

prices by limiting output boded well for the GCC states.

The six states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — have all to restrain public spending because of falling world oil prices since 1982.

"Indications at the moment are that the agreement of OPEC is sticking. If this continues, then (an oil price of) \$15 to 18 a barrel would not be unrealistic to expect for 1989," Fayez said.

Assets Oil prices fell as low as \$10 a barrel last October because of a glut in supply. Fayez said the recovery in prices would ease pressure on state budgets.

GIC is likely to report slightly lower 1988 profits because of currency and interest rate fluctuations, its chief executive officer said on Wednesday.

Al Fayez told Reuters the unexpected strength and volatility of the dollar and higher world interest rates during 1988 had affected the group's performance.

"The securities market, especially the fixed-income, has not really done very well internationally. The rise of interest rates and uncertainty about the rates have resulted in a very volatile securities market," Fayez said.

GIC, formed as an investment

vehicle by the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, reported net income of \$42.4 million in 1987 on assets of \$1.6 billion.

The group invests in projects in the GCC to encourage non-oil development and in financial institutions, mainly foreign fixed-income securities.

Fayez said GIC had agreed during 1988 to participate in construction of a pesticides factory in Saudi Arabia. Known as Mobeed, the factory will have capital of 30 million Saudi riyals (\$8 million) and produce up to 4,400 tonnes of pesticides a year.

A GIC official named other shareholders in the project as the

Jeddah-based Dallah Group, the National Industrialisation Company and various individuals and agribusiness firms.

## Projects

The plant brings to 11 the number of projects GIC is committed to help financing, in addition to around 35 now under study, Fayez said.

He said the group hoped to become more active in regional financing and securities markets and portfolio management for other parties.

"The year will see us little more active in the lending side," he said. GIC helped manage recent financing packages for gas development in Qatar and aircraft leasing by the regional carrier Gulf Air.

## KD deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Jan 20, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed yesterday as banks covered maturing fixed-dated deposits, dealers said.

There were signs an influx of offshore dinars that pushed rates down this week was being absorbed.

One-month deposits opened at 7-1/4, 6-3/4 per cent and closed at around 7-1/2, seven per cent from seven, 6-3/4 per cent on

Wednesday. Business was reported at 7-1/4 per cent.

Three-month funds traded at 7-7/8 per cent, driving them to 8-1/8, 7-5/8 per cent from Wednesday's 7-7/8, 5/8 per cent.

The short-dates remained well offered, with overnight and tomorrow-next at three, two per cent and spot-next at four, three per cent, about 1/2 point above Wednesday. Overnight dealt at two and 2-1/2 per cent and tomorrow-next at 3-1/2 per cent.

## Indonesian power plants to reduce oil consumption

JAKARTA, Jan 20, (OPECNA): Indonesia hopes to bring down oil consumption by its power generating plants by 20 per cent following the completion and expansion of a series of non-oil plants during the fifth five-year development plan beginning in April.

During the five-year period, the Indonesian state electricity company (PLN) plans to increase its power capacity to 3,600 mw, according to company president Ermanysyah Yamin.

## Projects

Among the big projects to be constructed during the period would be those at Gresik and Probolinggo, East Java, and Mount Salak, West Java, he said. The Gresik plant, to be designed for gas or steam firing, will be expanded to reach an output capacity of 1,500 mw.

The Probolinggo plant, which will use coal as its source of energy, will have a capacity of 800 mw.

## Budget reflects Japan's growing international role

TOKYO, Jan 20, (AP): The government negotiated today on a proposed new budget that reflects Japan's growing contribution to international economic development and its desire to limit defense spending.

The Finance Ministry's proposed budget, released yesterday, would raise total government spending by 6.6 per cent — the largest rise in eight years — to 60.41 trillion yen (\$469.93 billion), up from 56.70 trillion yen (\$441 billion) in the initial budget for fiscal 1988.

It would raise defense spending by 5.2 per cent to 3.89 trillion yen (\$30.28 billion) but keep it below one per cent of the ministry's estimate for Japan's fiscal 1989 gross national product. The GNP is estimated to reach 389.7 trillion yen (\$3.03 trillion).

## Exceeding

Defense spending in the current fiscal year amounted to 3.7 trillion yen (\$28.78 billion) or 1.013 per cent of the projected GNP, exceeding the nation's 11-year-old policy of limiting defense spending to less than 1.0 per cent of GNP — the total value of the nation's goods and services.

Defense spending has climbed 5.2 per cent in each of the past two years, as part of a programme aimed at making Japan capable of repulsing small-scale, limited attacks.

In the case of a larger attack, it would rely on help from the United States under the two nations' mutual defense treaty.

The United States has urged Japan to build up its defenses more quickly, but military spending is a highly controversial issue here. Japan's constitution renounces war and the use of force to settle international disputes.

Sought Asian countries that were occupied by Japanese troops in World War II also are wary of a Japanese military buildup.

In lieu of increased military spending, Japan has assumed a greater share of the cost of maintaining US bases on its soil — by 1990 it will pay more than half the bill. The budget proposal calls for a 16 per cent increase over the previous year to 139.8 billion yen (\$1.09 billion) in spending to pay for Japan's share of the US base costs.

To fulfil its international res-

pensibilities, Japan has sought, instead, to boost its aid to developing nations.

In formulating the draft budget, the ministry "paid close attention to the relationship between the growth rate of Japan's Overseas Development Assistance and its defense spending," a senior Finance Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Japan's total proposed spending on aid to developing countries is expected to hit \$10 billion, in this fiscal year and \$11 billion in fiscal 1989, he said.

According to estimates by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, this would put Japan ahead of the United States as the largest donor to developing countries. The Foreign Ministry, which favours providing even more aid, is expected to push the figure higher in current budget negotiations, the official said.

## Adopt

After negotiations with its agencies, the government is expected to adopt a budget proposal on Tuesday, based on the Finance Ministry's draft. The budget usually is passed by

parliament in February.

The new fiscal year begins on April 1.

In June, the government announced it would double its official foreign development aid to more than \$50 billion for the five-year period ending in calendar 1992 in a bid to promote Japan's international contribution as a major economic power.

Because of differing fiscal years and accounting techniques, it is difficult to draw direct comparisons between the foreign aid budgets of different countries. The \$14.5 billion US foreign aid proposal for the fiscal year starting next Oct 1 includes military aid.

Japan's aid budget, in accordance with its constitution, includes no money to provide military weapons, training or other such expenses.

In 1987 Japan spent \$7.45 billion in development assistance, up 32.3 per cent from a year earlier, and was second to the United States, which provided \$8.78 billion for that purpose.

Measured against the size of its economy, Japan's aid is not overly generous.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 20/1/89

B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Zarka	GH & Q	4347815
3	Barwil Expres	Alghaim Bar	4842988
8	Shaan	ISA	2441860
17	Barge Dong AH 303	GH & Q	4347815
18	Tug Gulf Master	GH & Q	4347815
19	White Reefer	GH & Q	4347815

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19/1	Norasia Arabia	Emad	4841807
19/1	Rashidiah	GH & Q	4347815
19/1	Great Liberty	ISA	2441860
20/1	Mandana	Alghaim Bar	4842988
20/1	Sun Hope	ISA	2441860
20/1	Oriental Haiway	United	2457958

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9	Sea Star L	Pearl Shpg	2417758
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By William Crowther

A SMASH-HIT film showing in the States has uncovered a dirty little secret among today's women executives.

When it comes to corporate competition, it seems, there is no such thing as sisterhood.

Indeed, women scaling the company ladder are tougher on each other than they are on men. And many feel compelled to torpedo their rivals to get to the top.

The remarkable revelations follow the mammoth box-office success of *Working Girl*, starring Sigourney Weaver as Katherine — the "boss from hell." This comedy, directed by Mike Nichols, shows how Katherine steals a blockbuster idea from her secretary, Tess, played by Melanie Griffith... and how Tess gets her revenge.

After seeing the finished film for the first time, Sigourney Weaver said: "I felt remorse. In some ways the relationship between the two women is touching and in other ways it is terrible. Tess is so trusting, but what Katherine does to her is just heinous."

**Release**  
Within days of release, the film shot to No. 4 in the nationwide attendance charts.

And the producers now realise that part of the reason is that the movie has unintentionally touched a raw nerve in American society.

The fierce, often vicious, competition between ambitious women in the office. By coincidence, Jill Barber and Rita Watson will soon publish an academic study called *The All About Eve Complex: The Myths and Realities of Sisterhood*.

**Cut-throat**  
It provides evidence to back the theory that, in American companies at least, there is a boom in what are now known as "success bitches."

Barber says that nearly 80 of the 100 women interviewed for the study "had their lives changed after a professional betrayal by a woman in the office."

Watson, a family health

## Back-stabbing in the office: women just as good as men



Scheming: Sigourney Weaver (right) Melanie Griffith (left) and Harrison Ford.

consultant, adds: "It doesn't matter what field women are in — they envision it as the worst."

"Even nursing, one of the caring, nurturing professions, is seen as quite cut-throat."

"I've had a man try to steal my work outright — and I've been victimised by women twice. The

difference was that the women were manipulative and sneaky about it."

Toni Lopopolo, who is editing *The All About Eve Complex* study, says: "When I came into the business world we women were going to make another world. We were going to help other women. I didn't understand that the women would compete with me, want my job and try to push me out."

Another US study backs this up. The American Management Association shows that, of 1,000 business women interviewed, 90 per cent say they have had a woman undermine them at the office.

Yet the study, written by Tara Madden, adds: "Not one of them will say she's ever done the undermining."

**Burden**  
Madden believes that women take each other too personally in the office.

"If a woman loses a battle in the office she thinks she's a failure. A man doesn't think he has lost the war — he just goes out for a drink with his enemy."

"Women give away power by confiding too much in each other. They expect to be friends with the other women in the office."

A woman boss befriends the secretary. And the secretary does the man's work first because the secretary sees her boss as Mummy — and nice Mummy will understand. A man doesn't have that burden.

Financial psychologist Kathleen Gurney says: "Women feel there's only so much room at the top."

"They think that if they support another woman, that'll mean one less spot at the top...and from my experience that's probably true."

Dr Gurney says that twice in the last year she has submitted a proposal praised by a male boss — then "dismissed without investigation by his female assistant."

And Sigourney Weaver? "I still hope that women can be better than men," she says. "As naive as that may sound."

Some vital tips to give you a head start

## Hair: an important female accessory

By Manal Elsheikh

**HAIR**, a most important accessory, can change the way you look dramatically. It says as much about you as the clothes you wear! To look your best, healthy, shiny hair is a must. However, many factors hamper attempts at keeping it shiny and full of bounce. Topping the list is your own body.

As far as the body is concerned, hair is of minimum importance and its roots are the last area to receive nutrients. Unfortunately, the condition of your hair reflects the general health of the body at the time it was being made. Each hair has an average lifespan of between two to eight years. Your hair condition may be affected for a long time after illness or a period of poor eating.

Thereby, diet is an essential factor. This should always be looked after as, usually, if hair is unhealthy resulting from an insufficient diet, complexion will also suffer. It is always better to prevent than to cure.

Other factors include damage caused by sun and wind, drying effects of central heating, peroxide attacks and incorrect use of heating appliances.

Hair is, therefore, more sensitive than imagined and very liable to type changes, making product-choice through experience inadequate. You must be able to recognise the changing needs of your hair and meet them with the right products and techniques.

Nature chooses your hair's texture, natural bend and growth rate. The rest depends on you, from the frequency of brushing to special aids (eg: oil baths and henna).

### Diet

If you feel you are looking after your hair carefully but it still lacks lustre, take a look at your diet.

A healthy diet benefits your hair as much as the rest of the body. When your diet changes, your hair texture alters; even an antibiotic course may change the condition of your hair. Hence, it is important to be aware of your body's condition, what it is undergoing and to work out remedies to combat any side-effects.

Putting hair on the top of the list, a healthy, well balanced diet includes all the essential vitamins, minerals and nutrients, in particular vitamin A, vitamin B2 and zinc which are obtainable from dairy products, fresh vegetables, seafood, chicken, fish liver oil and wholegrains. Regular supplements of amino acids and vitamin B are advisable.

Sugar-laden and fatty foods should be avoided, salad, fresh fruit and drinking adequate amounts of water (six to eight glasses a day) always helps.

Nature chooses your hair's texture, natural bend and growth rate. The rest depends on you: from brushing regularly to using special aids and most importantly, watching your diet.



To look your best, healthy shiny hair is a must.

Regular exercising should always accompany a well balanced diet. It helps blood circulation, thereby, spreading oxygen and nutrients to all of the body's organs.

### Brushing

Aim at brushing hair daily, however, be careful not to over-brush. Hair should be brushed just enough to undo tangles and put into style.

Brushing dry hair has many advantages. It stimulates the flow of blood to the scalp, it helps spread sebum (produced at base of hair) down the hair shaft and removes dirt and debris from the hair. It also smooths down the scales of the cuticle (the outer layer of each hair), gives a glossy sheen and helps subdue static.

Your hairbrush choice should depend on your hair texture and thickness. The brush's shape depends on the texture and the brittle consistency on thickness.

Never, ever brush wet hair. This causes cuticle damage leading to split-ends and breaking. Instead, use a wide-toothed, plastic, saw-cut comb starting at hair ends moving up to the roots. This will avoid stretching; the comb should slide through hair

without snagging or pulling. Avoid metal combs and those with sharp join lines along the centre of teeth as they can badly stress hair's infra-structure, robbing it of any vestiges of shine.

### Shampooing

Washing hair cleanses it, makes it springy and fragrant. The frequency depends on the hair type, but minimally once a week. It should not be washed unless required so as to avoid drying-out.

Some hair requires washing daily due to factors such as grease, sports or styling, under such circumstances a mild shampoo should be used. This is formulated to clean and give shine but not strip hair of all of its natural properties.

Normally, choosing your shampoo type depends on the scalp's condition rather than that of the hair itself. The types of scalp can be roughly classified into four: dry, dandruff-prone, normal or greasy.

Before you actually wash your hair, it is advisable to brush it. This will remove loose hair and dandruff and will distribute natural oils through-out the shafts. Then massage the entire

scalp, briskly, but gently, with a rotating movement of hands and fingertips. This stimulates and relaxes the scalp.

Wet the hair with warm water and either spot-shampoo all over the scalp or put into palm of hand first. Lather well and massage with the pads of your fingers, not your nails. The first application should be concentrated on the scalp only as this needs the intensive cleansing.

### Rinse

If you only intend to shampoo once, as you rinse the suds will drain through your hair, if short or medium length, and clean it. If the hair is long, use a mild shampoo for the ends and do not pile your hair on top of your head.

Rinse with warm water. Lather again, if necessary, paying attention to the area around the hairline where make-up and debris can collect. Rub the ends of your hair, very gently, between your palms with the suds. This should be done only if you are not confident about the cleanliness when the first rinsing is complete. Further, on everyday washing, the second shampooing is usually unnecessary, as is, if your hair is greasy. In this case,

over enthusiastic shampooing will result in stimulation of glands, and thereby, more oil production.

The final rinse should be thorough: water should run clear. If you leave a shampoo residue you will get a dulling effect. Finish off with a cold water rinse producing more shine and gloss, then squeeze to remove excess water.

Unlike shampoos, conditioner should be chosen to suit the hair type. There are three most common types: dry and unmanageable, usually having a fuzzy outline and often accompanies a dry scalp and coarse hair; lank, dull hair which usually accompanies greasy or dandruff-prone scalps and average to coarse hair; split, brittle ends which can accompany a normal scalp and occurs in all hair-textures.

For dry, dull or brittle hair conditioner is a must. It coats the hair making it feel smooth and look shiny. The hair will no longer feel rough and will have extra fullness and body. These textures require thick, rich and creamy formulated conditioners.

### Conditioners

In general, conditioners may be looked upon as invisible "raincoats" that help any type stand up to bad weather. Curly hair tends to swell up and becomes difficult to handle in damp weather, conditioner helps curb this tendency. Conditioner adds body to long, fine hair which goes limp at the first sign of dampness. Fine, wavy hair goes wispy; conditioner helps keep it smooth. It also closes any open cuticle scales, replaces natural oils which protect the hair, detangles, adds shine, body and lustre to hair.

Conditioner is to be applied after shampooing and thoroughly rinsing. It should never be massaged in the scalp. This can result in dandruff and hair loss!

Conditioners are most needed from the middle of the hair shaft down to the end, unless hair has been bleached or permed. In this case all the hair needs conditioning.

Pour some conditioner into the palm and squeeze gently into the hair. With a wide toothed comb, comb the conditioner throughout the hair to get an even spread. If the comb does not go through the hair easily, do not tug; hold a jet of water from the spray head behind the comb and let the force of the water mix with the conditioner and smooth a path for the comb. Leave the conditioner for one or two minutes before thoroughly rinsing out with warm water. If your hair is very dry, reapply to the ends and rinse lightly.

Wrap your hair in a towel to absorb extra moisture. Never rub the hair with the towel, this will undo all the good work of the conditioner.

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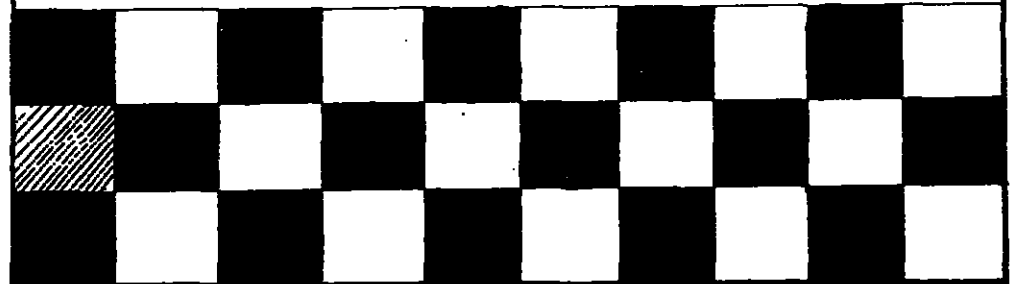
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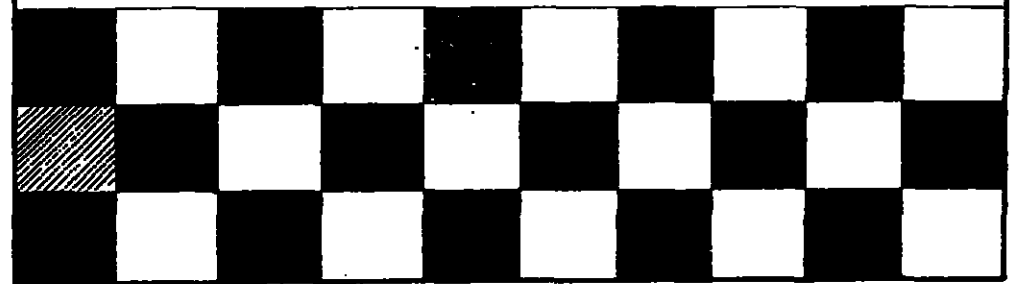
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## SHOAIB AND SALEEM HIT HALF CENTURIES AGAIN

## Pakistan draw tour opener

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): The English Test and County Cricket Board (CCB) refused yesterday to say what stance it would take at next Monday's crucial meeting of the world governing body on the issue of players' links with South Africa.

West Indies seek a lifetime ban in one resolution at the International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting and a four-year suspension in another for any player having sporting connections with the racially-segregated republic.

A number of English cricketers currently coach and play in South Africa during their off-season and England's tour of India this winter was called off after the Indian government said it would refuse to issue visas to captain Graham Gooch and seven other players with South African links.

## Indication

After a four-hour meeting at the Oval, the CCB issued a brief statement giving no indication of its views.

"The board empowered its representatives to consider all views expressed at that ICC meeting and exercise the United Kingdom vote as appropriate," the statement said.

Chief executive Alan Smith refused to elaborate.

At the meeting the CCB heard submissions from South African Cricket Union delegates Joe Parnesky and Ali Bacher.

"We don't want world cricket to be split because of racial reasons," Bacher told reporters afterwards.

"But we think that England are over-reacting to their susceptibility, England need West Indies and the West Indies need England."

South Africa, however, threatened today to organise rebel cricket tours if international cricketing authorities increased the country's sporting isolation.

A bitter commentary on state-run Radio South Africa anticipated that the ICC meeting on Monday would ban players who have links with South Africa.

"If the ICC finally closes the door to international cricket to South Africa, then the South African cricketing authorities will have no compunction in organising unofficial tours to South Africa — the so-called rebel tours," the commentary said.

The commentary, which voices government policy, was one of the most strongly worded statements made by Pretoria in recent months on moves by world sporting authorities to isolate South Africa because of its apartheid race policies.

## Argued

The commentary argued that the ICC was climbing on board the sanctions bandwagon against South Africa.

Sanctions, it said, were designed to help South African blacks, but it was blacks who in fact suffered.

"Young black cricketers in South Africa — the aspiring Imran Khans and Malcolm Marshalls — will be denied the benefit of the coaching and experience of top-class cricketers from abroad, and the opportunity of seeing them in action."

"At the very time when there is an upsurge in interest in cricket amongst black South Africans, the enthusiasm of young black cricketers will be blunted," the commentary added.

Meanwhile, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today an Australian cricketer has started legal action to quash a 10-year ban imposed on him for playing in South Africa.

An ACB spokesman told Reuters former South Australia batsman Michael Hayman had filed an application in the federal court claiming the ban was a "restraint of trade" and a violation of the trade practices act.

Hayman played in South Africa as a member of a rebel Australian team led by Kim Hughes in 1985-86 and 1986-87.

Two years ago, Hughes successfully contested that the West Australian Cricket Association's attempt to stop him from playing club cricket was a restraint of trade.

## Expected

Hayman's lawyer Geoffrey Glover said the case was not expected to be heard within six months. "We are very confident of winning," he said.

"We're trying to get recognition from the court that Michael is free to ply his trade as he chooses in Australia or anywhere else in the world," he added.

Hayman returned to South Africa this summer and is playing with Northern Transvaal in the Currie Cup competition.

The ten-year ban became part of ACB policy in September 1985, six months after plans by a team of Australians to tour South Africa became public.

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan 20, (Reuters): The opening match of Pakistan's New Zealand tour ended in a dull draw against a Second XI selection today.

The result was never in doubt after the second day of the three-day game was washed out. Pakistan gained some useful practice both in the field and at the wicket but little else was achieved.

Pakistan finished with its second innings at 124 for one wicket after the tourists had dismissed the selection side for 126.

## Delayed

Shoaib Mohammed and Saleem Malik repeated their first innings success by scoring half centuries. Shoaib reached 55 not out while Saleem made 50 against a soft bowling attack. In the first innings Shoaib had scored 62 while Saleem had hit 69.

Earlier, after a rain delayed start, Pakistan declared their first innings at 329 for nine.

Against an impressive Pakistan attack only Steve Brown with 64 made any progress.

Captain Imran Khan, in an effort to get more batting practice for Pakistan, did not enforce the follow-on.

Left-arm Saieem Jaffer was



Mudassar: completes a good all-round performance

the most impressive, taking three wickets for 30 off his 14 overs of pace bowling. Mudassar Nazar completed a good all-round effort by taking

three wickets to go with his first

innings score of 82.

One concern for Pakistan was a groin injury to left-arm opening bowler Wasim Akram. Already

suffering a health problem before arriving in New Zealand, he bowled just nine overs before having to leave the field.

## Scoreboard

SECOND XI selection first innings:	
Graham Burnett c Shoaib b	20
Mudassar	82
Grant Douglas run out	11
Derek Scott c Yusuf b Jaffer	0
Steve Brown c Ijaz b Jaffer	64
Rodney Brown c Saleem b Imran	5
Bill Fowler b Mudassar	7
Ian Fisher c Saleem b Mudassar	0
Murphy c Saleem b Jaffer	5
James Milne run out	1
Brian Barrett not out	7
Richard de Groen c Imran b Tauseef	0
Extras (3 lb, 3 nb)	6
Total	126
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-27, 3-33, 4-39 5-47, 6-69, 7-92, 8-95, 9-126.	
Bowling: Imran 17-41-1, Wasim 9-2-23-0 (3nb), Mudassar 13-7-19-3, Jaffer 14-6-30-3, Tauseef 6-2-1-10-1.	
PAKISTAN first innings 329 for nine wickets declared (Mudassar 82, Saleem 69, Shoaib 62)	
Second innings:	
Moin-ul-Atiq c Burnett b Barrett	17
Shoaib Mohammed not out	55
Saleem Malik not out	50
Extras (1nb, 1w)	2
Total for one wicket	124
Fall of wicket: 1-31	
Bowling: Barrett 8-1-31-1, De Groen 4-0-22-0, Sae 5-1-10-0 (1nb, 1w), Fisher 4-1-18-0, Douglas 1-0-14-0, Barnett 1-0-16-0, K. Brown 1-0-13-0.	

## Fadееv wins men's figure skating title



Fadееv spins in the air during his gold medal performance. (Reuters wirephoto)

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 20, (AP): Aleksandr Fadeev produced a stunning display of jumping that included eight triples to retain the men's title at the European Figure Skating Championships yesterday.

The 25-year-old Soviet received four perfect marks of 6.0 for artistic impression after a dazzling free skating programme set to the pounding music of Mussorgsky.

Fadeev, who was second after the compulsory figures but forged ahead in the original programme, landed slightly off-balance on a double jump but

was otherwise supreme in his all-white suit and bright red gloves. His victory was the Soviet's fourth European title since 1984 and made Fadeev a strong favourite to capture the gold medal at the World Championships in Paris in March.

Grzegorz Filipowski of Poland took the silver medal, while the bronze went to Petr Barna of Czechoslovakia.

Earlier, Claudia Leistner, overcome by nerves at past events, kept cool and relaxed as she opened her bid for the women's gold medal by winning the compulsories.

## 49ers fortunes could rest on Rice's ankle

MIAMI, Jan 20, (Reuters): A week ago the San Francisco 49ers were clear favourites to beat the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII at the Joe Robbie stadium on Sunday.

Now, however, San Francisco fortunes in the American football showpiece may rest on the tender right ankle of star wide receiver Jerry Rice.

The Bengals have the number one offence in the National Football League (NFL) but the 49ers, coming off their most impressive performances of the year in dismantling the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Bears, are peaking at just the right time.

Those playoff victories were due in large part to game-breaking plays by Rice, the 49ers' sure-handed, quick-cutting deep threat.

## Aggravated

He caught five touchdown passes from veteran quarterback Joe Montana, who on Sunday could become the first player to win three Super Bowl Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards.

But Rice, who had returned to his dazzling form of old in the past few weeks, aggravated an old ankle sprain in practice on

Monday and only worked out for the first time since yesterday.

"He looks pretty good," said 49er head coach Bill Walsh, himself looking for his third NFL championship of the decade.

"He's not doing any quick cutting, but he's running well. I think we'll be okay."

Rice is listed only as "probable," but he'll play. "You'll have to tie me down to keep me off the field on Sunday," Rice said.

If Rice is unable to execute the moves that make him, in Walsh's words, "one of the great players of our time," the San Francisco attack will depend on Montana's ability to adjust and the play of workhorse running back Roger Craig, who ran and caught for a combined 2,036 yards this season.

When the Bengals, who appear to relish the role of underdogs, take the field in their distinctive tiger stripe helmets, they plan on facing a fit Rice.

"After we beat them, I don't want anyone to say we won because Jerry Rice was hurt," Cincinnati cornerback Eric Thomas told reporters. "I want him to be in and I want him to be 100 per cent."

Thorburn said Wales' recent training weekend in Spain had done a lot to repair their confidence after their humiliating loss to Romania last December.

"We want to show Wales are not as bad as people have been saying," he said.

"Normally Welsh teams suffer because great things are expected from them, we could never claim that was a problem this time and we have got nothing to lose."

Capable Much could depend on Thorburn's own goalkicking form tomorrow.

The burly 26-year-old fullback holds the Welsh record with 170 international points and he is a capable level-headed under pressure, as his conversion from the touchline in injury time to win Wales third place in the 1987 World Cup showed.

Scotland are without their match-winning fullback Gavin Hastings but Peter Dods is a capable replacement who played in Scotland's 1984 Grand Slam team.

Skipper Finlay Calder is certainly not taking his team's chances for granted.

"Welsh noses were well and truly rubbed in the dirt when Romania beat them last month and the final straw was the Davies' move," he said.

## Aussies seek rule changes

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Reuters): Cricketers and commentators yesterday called for rule changes to the 50-over game in Australia following the country's World Series Cup loss to West Indies in a rain-hit final.

West Indies, batting second in the series-decider, scored an easy victory when rain swept away three hours of play and reduced the time both teams spent at the crease.

## Reduced

Australia still managed 227 runs from 38 overs, a commanding position, but rain in the West Indian innings reduced the tourists' target to 108 in 18 overs. They won the match by a superior run rate.

In the event of interruptions under Australian one-day rules, the team batting second need only to better the required run

rate, but in fewer overs.

The front pages of local newspapers described the victory as "hollow", "farcical" and meaningless "calculator cricket".

"(Captain) Allan Border's Australians did everything right, yet were beaten by a cruel, farcical limited over rule ... a wet weather rule designed purely to achieve quick results for television," the Daily Mirror said.

Border, after seeing his chances of winning washed away by heavy downpours, made it clear he wanted a change of rules.

"It probably is time for a think-tank to come up with a better solution for rain-affected games," he told reporters.

Former Australian Test captain Richie Benaud said the unfortunate circumstances in the final might force cricket administrators to re-examine the rules.

Several remedies have been suggested by players and commentators, including raising the compulsory number of overs needed to qualify for a valid match to 30 from the present 15.

Another possibility voiced by some is for the side batting second to have their wickets reduced in proportion to the target overs.

## Enjoyed

Benaud, now a respected commentator, said in a newspaper article: "For three years now I have pointed out to administrators the ridiculous advantage enjoyed by the side batting second in this situation."

"Perhaps now a final has fallen flat, they will do more than give it a cursory wave of the hand and put it in the 'too hard' basket," he said.

## Harper and Benjamin hit out to rescue W. Indies

BRISBANE, Jan 20, (Reuters): Seventh wicket pair Roger Harper and Winston Benjamin completed a century partnership in just 85 minutes to lead a weak West Indies side out of trouble on the opening day of the four-day match against Queensland today.

They put on 131 off 173 balls after coming together at 174 for six as the touring team recovered to 316 all out. Queensland were one for no wicket at the close.

Earlier, Gus Logie and Carl Hooper (46) had set the tempo of the innings with a 93-run stand in 70 minutes after West Indies had lost their first three wickets for 50, Desmond Haynes falling to the third ball of the match bowled by Craig McDermott.

Logie, who made 67, was particularly severe on McDermott and leg spinner Trevor Hobbs.

He hit 11 boundaries in a 58-minute spell after lunch, collecting 54 runs off 55 balls. His cavalier innings ended when off spinner Peter Cantrell had him caught at first slip.

Harper and Benjamin continued to carry the attack to the bowlers. They put on 50 in 40 minutes off 60 balls and their century stand came off 125 balls.

Harper hit 12 fours and a six before being run out for 82 and Benjamin made 50, which included a straight six off McDermott, before he was trapped leg before by Hobbs.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings	
D. Haynes c Healy b McDermott	0
J. Dujon c and b Tazelaar	23
K. Arthurs c Ritchie b Rackemann	20
G. Hooper c Ritchie b McDermott	46
C. Logie c Ritchie b Cantrell	67
R. Harper run out	82
D. Williams b Cantrell	0
W. Benjamin b Hobbs	50
I. Bishop not out	5
C. Walsh c Cantrell b Hobbs	0
P. Patterson c Healy b Rackemann	1
Extras (0-5 nb-17)	22
Total	316
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-46 3-50 4-143 5-174 6-174 7-305 8-309 9-312.	
Bowling: McDermott 14-0-91-2 (7nb), Tazelaar 19-4-53-1 (2nb), Rackemann 19-1-2-72-2 (2nb), Hobbs 14-3-59-2, Cantrell 10-2-36-2.	
QUEENSLAND first innings	
T. Bursley not out	0
J. Walker not out	0
Extras (no wicket)	1
Total (no wicket)	1
To bat: Stuart Law, Peter Clifford, Greg Ritchie, Peter Cantrell, Ian Healy, Trevor Hobbs, Craig McDermott, Dirk Tazelaar, Carl Rackemann.	
Bowling to date: Patterson 1-1-0-0.	



## Lamb to lead Northants

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): England batsman Allan Lamb is to captain Northamptonshire in the forthcoming season, the county cricket club announced on Wednesday.

South African-born Lamb succeeds Geoff Cook, who resigned last September after eight years in charge.

Lamb, who has played 56 Tests for England and joined Northants in 1978, said: "I enjoy a challenge and the captaincy here is certainly one."

## Hooligans and drunks cause problems at SCG

SYDNEY, Jan 20, (Reuters): Watching cricket in Sydney, particularly on a sunny day, can be an unpleasant sometimes embarrassing and even dangerous experience.

Hooligans and drunks, taunting the police or picking fights during World Series Cup one-day cricket matches at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) this week, have caused public dismay.

More than 50 people were arrested on charges ranging from throwing bottles and cans and using abusive language to assaulting police.

Pictures of rowdies exposing themselves, throwing missiles and fighting with police appeared on the front pages of some Australian newspapers.

Some youths streaked naked across the field.

Police blamed the unruly behaviour on too much alcohol coupled with blazing summer sun.

"That crowd does not need provocation, they are out there to misbehave," Sydney police district commander Ken Chapman said.

New South Wales Premier Nick Greiner moaned, "it is perfectly obvious that if people go to



Police move in to arrest some hooligans at the Hill. (Reuters wirephoto)

the cricket hell bent on behaving like louts then no amount of policing will solve the problem."

He promised new powers for the police to arrest the unruly, but said the problem was unlikely to be solved until the public

stopped treating the culprits as "some sort of folk heroes."

For many Australian sports fans, beer is an important element in their pursuit of pleasure.

Some cricket officials called

for strict control of the sale and consumption of alcohol at one of the country's leading cricket ovals.

The Daily Telegraph said a ban on alcohol at the cricket ground would go against the

Australian ban, but it must be done to stop the outrageous behaviour of the minority.

Most of the ugly scenes are confined to a grassy knoll, known as the Hill, in front of the scoreboard. More than 10,000 people crowd the area, reserved for holders of cheap tickets. The cricket ground has a maximum capacity of 50,000.

The Hill, which was moulded from the soil of a similar mound in a nearby park that was levelled at the turn of the century after it became a haunt for rapists, has long been famous for the raucous wit of barrackers watching the cricket.

## Obvious

"The Hill has now become a haven for hooligans. The SCG can do without Hill," said former Australian Test spin bowler Bill O'Reilly, who gave his name to a Sydney Cricket Ground grandstand.

Greiner said: "The Hill used to be a place of great enjoyment. It's now perfectly obvious that the behaviour of some of the patrons on the Hill is unacceptable."

The Daily Telegraph said unless the Hill mob was checked, barbed wires and steel fencing might be needed at the cricket ground in the 1990s.

## Price helps Cavaliers edge past Pacers

NEW YORK, Jan 20, (AP): Mark Price scored a career-high 29 points for the second game in a row and Brad Daugherty added 25 as the Cleveland Cavaliers handed Indiana its fourth consecutive loss last night, defeating the Pacers 113-106.

Price made 12 of 16 shots, including two 3-pointers, as the Cavaliers beat the Pacers for the fourth time in as many meetings this season. Cleveland, with the best record in the NBA at 28-7, won its third straight game.

"My shot was feeling good tonight and my teammates were going to me because they knew I was hot," said Price. "I've always believed that if you do well as a team, individual things will come."

"When Mark is shooting the ball like that you have to look at the guys who are looking to pass to him," coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We do look for him when he gets the hot hand, and that's what he did tonight."

Results

Phoenix	126	Charlotte	112
Cleveland	115	Indiana	106
Chicago	112	Miami	108
Washington	115	San Antonio	112
Sacramento	112	New York	106
Seattle	124	Houston	108

## Ireland plan to call on traditional resources

DUBLIN, Jan 20, (Reuters): Ireland plan to call on all their traditional virtues of fire and fury when they take on joint Five Nations Rugby Union champions France at Lansdowne Road tomorrow.

"Our play will be to rattle and hassle," new captain Philip Matthews said.

"We must try and make them go backwards," veteran lock Willie Anderson agreed. "They will destroy you if they are allowed to come forward and create."

And Irish rugby legend Willie John McBride, leader of successful British Lions teams in both New Zealand and South Africa, was equally succinct.

Tactics "Tackle, tackle and then tackle again," McBride said. "Knock men over. Get in among them, upset them. Break their rhythm."

Ireland's successes have usually been based on the most basic of tactics.

They were summed up by Matthews this week when he was asked what approach Ireland intended to adopt.

"When we get possession we are going to kick it high in the air," Matthews said.

"There's going to be a lot of chasing for the wings. In fact everybody is going to do a lot of running in pursuit of the high ball. We aim to give them man and ball together."

Ireland's plan may lack sophistication but French coach Jacques Fouroux is fully aware how effective it has been in the past, backed by the full-throated roar of the Lansdowne Road crowd.

"Playing in Dublin bears no resemblance to playing in Paris," Fouroux said.

"I expect we are going to have to cope with a lot of high balls with some very determined forwards coming through under them."

Robust France are fully equipped for any physical challenge with a huge forward pack and robust inside backs who can play as extra loose forwards.

Accordingly the prospects of an open match are not bright but connoisseurs will be praying that the pressures of the game still allow the more subtle skills of France's Philippe Sella and Serge Blanco to shine through.

## Wales set to take on Scotland

EDINBURGH, Jan 20, (Reuters): New Welsh captain Paul Thorburn is determined to show there is life after Jonathan Davies when Wales meet Scotland tomorrow in their opening Five Nations rugby union match.

Davies, the best rugby union player in the British Isles, switched to professional rugby League this month in the latest of a series of body blows to Welsh rugby.

But Thorburn believes the triple crown holders and joint Five Nations champions have been unfairly written off.

Prove "It is ridiculous to suggest Wales were only a one-man team," Thorburn said.

"I don't think he was our only class player by any means. There will be a lot of people out there trying to prove that point tomorrow, so I don't think I'll have any trouble getting the boys motivated."

Thorburn said Wales' recent training weekend in Spain had done a lot to repair their confidence after their humiliating loss to Romania last December.



## SHOWJUMPING

## Kuwaiti star goes for more glory

DUBAI: Dashing Kuwaiti Army officer Lieut Rakad Al Daphire, already hailed as the star of Dubai Horse Show, goes for more glory tonight when the Dunhill Cup brings the Middle East's premier showjumping event to a climax.

Two superb victories at the Metropolitan Hotel show-jump have emphasised Lieut Al Daphire's stature as one of the Gulf's leading riders, and earned him the respect of the established international competitors he has so far overshadowed.

## Produced

And he will start as one of the favourites for the prestigious Dunhill Cup, which traditionally brings the curtain down on one of the most colourful events in the regional sporting calendar.

Following up his first day triumph in the opening jumping event, Lieut Al Daphire produced the outstanding performance of the show to date when he won the Cartier Stakes in brilliant style on Thursday night.

The odds were stacked against him in the seven-horse jump-off after England's Joe Turi took Benyon clear in 44.04 seconds, only to be eclipsed by Irish star Paul Darragh who conjured up another flawless round on Cochan in 43.2 seconds.

But, going last on the horse which had given him one of Kuwait's two victories on the opening day, Lieut Al Daphire drove Silver Stream home in a fantastic time of 38.03 seconds, a performance that even brought show director Capt. Mark Phillips to his feet.

"It was a tremendous round in the circumstances," said Capt Phillips, husband of Britain's Princess Anne and an experienced Olympic rider. "The lieutenant is helped by the fact that he has a very good horse, but he is obviously a fine rider."

Earlier, Lieut Al Daphire on Lwice had teamed up with first-day winner Lieut Abdullah Al Saade, riding Salama, to give Kuwait more success in the British Bank of the Middle East Stakes, a relay event in which they again outshone the international stars.

## Faster

Yesterday Lieut Al Daphire was denied yet another victory on Lwice when they had the last fence down in the two-horse jump-off for the Saddle Cup. Dubai's Jamal Tarish on Oliver also had four faults but was a second faster.

Delighted with four victories, the Kuwaiti contingent would have had even more to celebrate but for a technicality. Riding Archway, Lieut Felah Al Moteri produced the best round in the jump-off for the Dubai Duty Free Stakes, the opening day's big event. But show rules prevent riders from winning opening events after competing in an intermediate class on the same day, and the UAE's Lorraine Garland on Alabjar was declared the winner.

## CASH STRUGGLES TO STAY IN AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Krishnan shocks Wilander in 2nd round

MELBOURNE, Jan 20, (Reuters): Unseeded Ramesh Krishnan emasculated the power game of world number one Mats Wilander yesterday to cause one of the biggest tennis upsets of the past decade at the Australian Open.

The defending champion went down 6-3 6-2 7-6 in an astonishing second-round thrashing which left the despondent Swede talking of taking a complete break from the game.

## Touches

Wilander, looking demoralised and completely out-of-touch, was outfoxed by an Indian opponent whose powder-puff service would not look out of place in the women's game.

The three-times Open champion was never allowed to take control as the stylish Krishnan used feather touches at the net and delicate dabs to the baseline to achieve the greatest victory of his 13-year career.

"This is my biggest win, no question. To beat the defending champion and number one player in the world is very thrilling," Krishnan said.

A resigned Wilander said: "I just played terribly, it's probably the worst I've ever played. Mentally I wasn't in the match from the beginning."

"There's one part of me wanting to play well but another part stopping me. I will definitely consider taking a break from the game."

Krishnan, ranked 51 and a former Wimbledon junior champion, broke Wilander's serve in

the first game of each set and kept the Swede on the defensive throughout.

Wilander, pegged to the baseline for much of the first two sets, started to attack the net in the third, setting the stage for a thrilling climax.

At 5-3 down he saved one match point with a flashing forehand before two netted forehand volleys from Krishnan wasted two more in the next game.

In the tiebreak, Wilander went 2-0 ahead but Krishnan recovered to take a 5-3 lead when Wilander again hit over the baseline.

With his wife Priya looking on in anguish, Krishnan served a double fault to allow Wilander back to 5-5.

The Indian number one earned his fourth match point with an easy forehand volley and won the match with a crosscourt backhand volley.

For the first time in 138 minutes Krishnan allowed himself a smile, toasting his victory with a glass of iced water as the vanquished champion made a swift exit.

Meanwhile, Pat Cash staged another five-set heart-stopper to beat American Richey Reneberg and reach the third round today.

But other seeds in the bottom half of the draw suffered few problems with Stefan Edberg, Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe reaching the last 32 in cold, windy conditions.

And there were no upsets in the women's event as Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini marched serenely on.



Krishnan hits a forehand drive during his victory over Wilander. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cash lost the last two Australian Open finals in five sets to Swedes Wilander and Edberg, although he beat Edberg after being two sets down in the 1986 Davis Cup final.

Today, Cash, playing in his home town, threw away a two-set lead and then trailed 2-0 in the final set against Reneberg.

But the American suddenly froze at the prospect of beating the former Wimbledon cham-

pion, lost five games in a row and eventually slumped to a 6-3 6-3 6-7 4-6 6-3 defeat in front of a fanatical pro-Cash centre court crowd.

Cash, after breaking Reneberg in the first game of the match, centred through the first two sets against the man voted the circuit's Newcomer of the Year in 1987.

But Reneberg burst back by taking the third set tiebreak 7-1

and then breaking twice for a 5-1 lead in the fourth.

Only when he was 2-0 down in the deciding set did Cash begin to fight back and his serve — he smashed 22 aces — carried him to victory in just over three hours.

McEnroe, like Cash, received a code of conduct warning for swearing after offering umpire Gerry Armstrong his views on a couple of line calls in his 6-2 4-6 6-4 6-3 defeat of Australian Brod Dyke.

Edberg beat West Germany's Heiner Moraing 6-4 7-5 7-5 while Lendl disposed of the West German Davis Cup hero Carl Uwe Steeb 6-2 3-6 6-0 6-3.

All six women's seeds eased through to the last 16 with Argentine Sabatini and Zina Garrison of the United States expanding as little energy as possible in their 6-0 6-0 victories over two more Americans, Camille Benjamin and qualifier Kimberly Kessaris.

World number one Graf narrowly failed to post her second successive whitewash at the first Grand Slam tournament of 1989 when American Marianne Werdel won her final service game of the match before going down to the West German 6-0 6-1.

Graf, demonstrating her speed rather than her power on court one, has lost just four games in three rounds, a fact which leaves her next opponent, Nicole Pietrangeli, with little hope.

"I'm not expected to win but I'll just go out there and enjoy myself. I'll go out there and hit the ball — if I just pushed it I'd get blasted off the court," said

the Australian number 16 seed, a 3-6 4-6 3 winner over American Amy Frazier.

Sabatini, seeded three, faces a tougher match with Raffaella Reggi of Italy in the last 16 than she received from Benjamin.

Rarely can a player in the top 100 have played so badly and Benjamin herself was as embarrassed as anyone.

A slightly bemused Sabatini said later: "I played well but she didn't do anything. She just hit the ball hard but every ball went out."

Reggi, seeded 13, beat Britain's Jo Durie 6-2 6-2.

While Wilander was eliminated, other big names advanced to the third round yesterday.

## Beaten

Third-seeded Boris Becker, No. 9 Miloslav Mecir, No. 12 Mikael Pernfors and No. 14 Jonas Svensson won their matches, while 15th-seeded John Fitzgerald was beaten by Yugoslavian teenager Goran Ivanisevic 6-3 4-6 6-3 6-4.

In women's play, second-seeded Martina Navratilova saved off a set point in the tiebreaker to beat Australian Jenny Byrne 6-4 7-6 (9-7).

Joining Navratilova in advancing to the third round were fourth-seeded Pam Shriver, No. 5 Helena Sukova, No. 10 Mary Joe Fernandez and No. 15 Hana Mandlikova.

No. 12 Patty Fendick was beaten by fellow American Ronnie Reis 6-4 7-6 (7-4) and No. 14 Anne Minter lost to Wimbledon junior champion Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 6-4 3-6 6-1.

## Jordan beat Oman in Cup qualifier

AMMAN, Jan 20, (Reuters): Jordan beat an inexperienced Omani side 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying match today with the home side's midfield star Nari Yada scoring both goals.

That gave Jordan its first points in West Asia Group One, after previous defeats by Iraq and Qatar.

The Omanis, all teenagers except goalkeeper Yusuf Obeid, played in gloves and tracksuit trousers to ward off the cold.

They never looked a match for a more robust Jordanian side or showed signs of the form which brought them a draw against Arab Cup champions Iraq earlier in the competition.

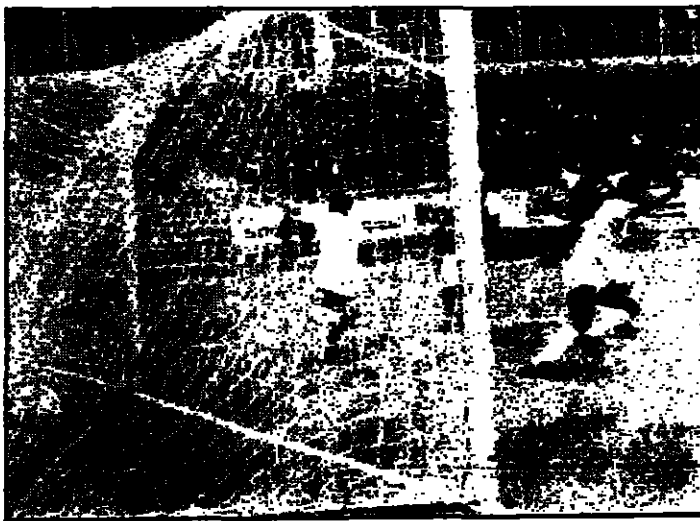
## Indirect

Jordan, swiftly taking command in midfield, often threatened a porous Omani defence and in the 32nd minute Yada, lurking in the six-yard box, headed home an indirect free kick.

Jordan's Aref Hussein headed wide in front of a gaping goal and Yada scored again just before half-time with a powerful volley low into the left-hand corner of the net.

The crowd of 7,000 looked for more goals in the second half but Jordan failed to capitalise on their many chances.

Syrian referee Qais Al Abdullah booked Omani captain Salem Mansour and mid-



Nari Yada (centre) raises his arms after scoring his first goal. (Reuters wirephoto)

der Said Nasser, as well as Jordan's Jihad Abdul-Muneim and Aref Hussein.

In Doha, Qatar beat Iraq by a solitary goal to go to the top of their group. The only goal of the match was scored by Mahmoud Soofi in the second half.

Qatar now have five points from three matches. In the earlier matches Qatar beat Jordan 1-0 in Doha while they were held to a goalless draw in Muscat by Oman.

Iraq, with three points, are second in the group but have advantage of playing their

remaining three matches in Baghdad. They still remain favourites to go ahead from this group.

In Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates crushed Pakistan 5-0 (2-0) today in a West Asia Group Three qualifying match.

The UAE overwhelmed the Pakistani side with swift midfield play and sustained pressure on the visitors' goal.

Zuhair Bakheet set up the UAE's first goal in the 11th minute with a spectacular cross that Pakistani defender Fidaur Rehman barely cleared before Abdul

Razak Ibrahim drove the ball into the net.

Ibrahim scored again off a free kick by Hamdoun in the 23rd to give the home side a 2-0 first-half lead.

Two fine saves by goalie Malik Mateen heartened the Pakistani defense when the second period started, but Khaled Ismail put UAE further ahead with a goal in the 62nd off another Hamdoun free kick.

In the 78th, Abdul-Rahman Mohammed breached the Pakistani players' wall to score off a free kick.

In the 84th, Mateen blocked a shot by substitute Abdul Aziz Mohammed off an Ibrahim pass but the ball trickled into the net to make it 5-0 for the UAE.

Three minutes before the final whistle, Abdul Rahman Mohammed missed a penalty kick after Zafar Iqbal brought down Hamdoun inside the box.

The return match will be played in Pakistan next month.

And in Tehran, Iran's national soccer team drew 2-2 with Japan in an international friendly today, their first home game since a FIFA ban imposed during the Iran-Iraq war was lifted.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said fans in Tehran's Azadi stadium booed and called for resignation of Iranian coach Parviz Dehdari, blamed for his team's poor recent record.

## Al Mosawi finishes first

MUSCAT: Abbas Al Mosawi, from Qatar, took the overall lead in the 1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge by winning this year's first event in Oman yesterday.

Al Mosawi and his co-driver Taghdi O'Reilly, driving a Mitsubishi Pajero, led the 4wd event from the start to finish 43 minutes two seconds ahead of Saudi Arabia's Mamdoun Hayat, also in a Mitsubishi Pajero.

"This has been a good event from the beginning. Everything went according to plan," said Al Mosawi after the race. "The secret of success was not necessarily the power of our vehicle. We put a lot of preparation into the event while most of the other crews did not do their homework."

Dubai's Michel Saleh took seventh place but was not happy with this result. He admitted that his moderate finish was due to lack of preparation. He also complained on being blocked by a slower car for 40 kilometres of yesterday's 116-kilometre stage.

Al Mosawi praised his co-driver after the race. "Taghdi O'Reilly is the best co-driver I have worked with," he said.

The 1989 Desert Challenge comprises five rounds. The next round will be held in Bahrain on March 30 and 31. After his performance in this event, Al Mosawi has left no doubts that he will be the man to beat this season.



Biasion in action in an earlier rally.

## Lancia seek 3rd straight win in Monte Carlo Rally

MONTE CARLO, Jan 20, (Reuters): Lancia, spearheaded by world champion Massimo Biasion of Italy, were preparing today for a third successive victory in the Monte Carlo Rally.

Biasion, 1988 Monte Carlo winner Bruno Saby and Didier Auriol will be at the wheel of powerful new four-wheel-drive Delta Integrales when the rally begins tomorrow from five European towns — Sestriere, Lausanne, Barcelona, Bad Honnau, and Monte Carlo itself.

## Timed

After an approach run, all competitors meet at St Etienne in France on Sunday when the 563-km rally proper, comprising 24 timed stages, will start.

Monte Carlo is the second of the racing season's 13 rallies after the Swedish Rally which Sweden's Ingvar Carlsson won on January 8 for Mazda.

But the Monte has always been seen as the real start of the season.

Lancia, who won their seventh world championship in 1988,

could see its dominance this year threatened by Japanese rivals.

Toyota are fielding Finland's Juha Kankkunen, veteran Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden and promising young Spanish driver Carlos Sainz.

Kankkunen, who won a friendly 'Champion of Champions' race last November between eight world champions, has never won the Monte Carlo title.

He was set to win the rally in 1987, but was forced to cede victory to teammate Biasion after a controversial decision by team management to let the Italian win.

Another strong contender is Ari Vatanen of Finland, winner of the Paris-Dakar rally earlier this month and this time competing for Mitsubishi.

Frost, snow and ice have traditionally afflicted the Monte Carlo Rally since it was first raced in 1911.

But a freakishly warm winter looks likely to give the 180 contestants a clear run along tarmac roads from St Etienne.

## Chapman slams four as Forest blast QPR

LONDON, Jan 20, (Reuters): Striker Lee Chapman scored four goals as Nottingham Forest crushed Queen's Park Rangers 5-2 at home in the quarterfinals of the English League Soccer Cup on Wednesday.

Chapman was in unstoppable form, netting a first half hat-trick and following up with his fourth in the 67th minute.

Nigel Clough scored Forest's other goal from the penalty spot, Mark Stein and David Kerslake replying for Rangers.

West Ham, struggling in the league but in fine form in Cup competitions, missed a third minute penalty taken by Liam Brady.

## Earned

But they still beat visiting Aston Villa 2-1 thanks to a Paul Ince goal eight minutes later and a second five minutes from time by David Kelly. Villa's goal came two minutes from time from David Platt.

Holders Luton were held 1-1 at home to Southampton after leading through a 70th minute goal from Ricky Hill. Southampton earned a replay when Glenn Cockerill scored nine minutes later.

In the other tie, Second Division Bradford were surprisingly beaten 1-0 at home to Bristol City of the Third Division. Alan Walsh's second minute goal settling the issue.

In a Football Association (FA) Cup third round third replay, Newcastle United of the



Nigel Clough (left) wins the ball from a QPR player.

First Division lost 1-0 at Second Division Watford.

A own goal in the 24th minute of extra time by Newcastle's Glenn Roeder decided the marathon tie. Watford will be at home to First Division Derby in the fourth round.

Argentine midfielder Ossie Ardiles broke his right leg as Queen's Park Rangers crashed out of the Cup.

Ardiles limped off after 31 minutes, following a tackle, but the full extent of his injury did not become clear until later.

"Ardiles was taken to hospital and we've just had confirmation

that he has cracked the fibula in his right leg," said player-manager Trevor Francis.

It probably means a minimum of six weeks on the sidelines for Ardiles, who twice overcame a similar injury when at Tottenham.

Forest manager Brian Clough said in a newspaper interview published today he would again strike fans who invaded the pitch at his English First Division soccer club.

Under the front page headline "I'd do it again," Clough said in the Sun newspaper: "If I catch spectators on my pitch in future I

know exactly what I'll do. They'll get another clip round the ear hole."

Clough is at the centre of a major row after striking four spectators who were among about 200 who invaded the pitch at the end of Wednesday's Cup tie.

Clough said in the newspaper he offered his resignation to the club chairman but it was rejected.

The manager expressed regret for what happened but added: "I'd do it all over again, because although my actions were a twenty (little) bit too far, I know my motives were spot on (absolutely correct)."

Clough said: "If anyone comes over the wall he'll get another clip — just as anyone would if they invaded my back kitchen."

"I might believe I was wrong to do it. But I'm not repentant about the principle."

He added: "They say I clouted (struck) four, but I swear it was five."

Meanwhile struggling Sheffield Wednesday are certain to make another major impact on the First Division title race tomorrow when they travel to League leaders Arsenal.

A shock victory for Wednesday, fourth from bottom of the table, would check Arsenal's recent surge into a five-point lead and keep champions Liverpool and title outsiders Manchester United in the hunt for honours.

But their total capitulation at

Highbury could put even more daylight between Arsenal, currently top with 43 points from 20 games, and the chasing pack, particularly as second-placed Norwich and fourth-placed Millwall clash on Sunday.

Those with any remaining interest in the destiny of the title will be hoping Wednesday find the sort of form which swept them into a 2-0 lead against Liverpool last week before the champions salvaged a point in a 2-2 draw.

But Wednesday boss Peter Eustace is making no promises.

"It will probably be our most difficult away game of the season," he said. "And I think our performance last week will have nothing to do with what happens at Arsenal."

"The result against Liverpool obviously helped confidence — but that only lasts so long."

To avoid defeat in London, Wednesday will need to plug a defence which has conceded 13 goals in the last five games and to leave with anything more than a point they will also need to spark new life into a forward line which has scored only seven goals in 10 away matches this season.

Liverpool entertain Southampton having won only two of their last five League games and knowing they could be 14 points adrift of Arsenal by tomorrow night while Manchester United travel to second-from-bottom West Ham.